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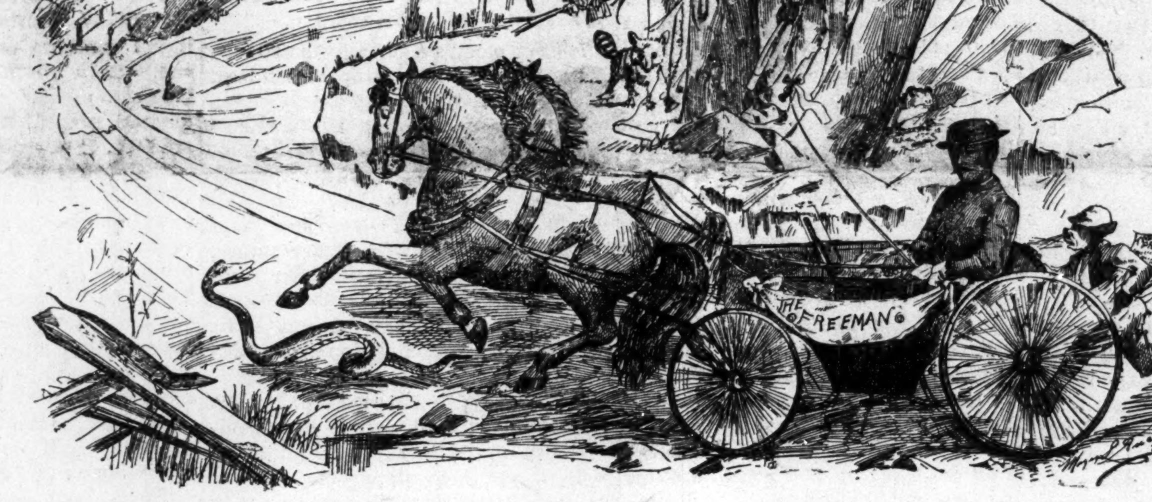

The Freeman with Thanksgiving, brings pleasant greetings to its many readers.

NOTED AND GIFTED WRITERS

FOR THE A. M. E. REVIEW IN THE OCTOBER NUMBER.

Prof. Kealing Highly Complimented for His Effort—His Only Hindrance for Success the Lack of Funds—Marked Improvement.

The A. M. E. Review for October is now on the tables of many of the more cultured men and women of the race and has found its way to a hundred or more among the white friends of the Afro-American and is no doubt also in the study of the dozen or more men who are making the colored people the subject of careful thought as well as the object of close investigation. Professor Kealing has brought out such an issue as many of us have long wished to see. He has with one stride overstepped the narrow bounds and entered into the broad field of actual journalism.

The A. M. E. Review was begun a little more than twelve years ago. The originator was Bishop, (then Dr.) Tanner, D. D., who designed the Review to be a vehicle for the best thought of the educated colored people concerning religion, politics, society, literature and art. Bishop Tanner threw soul into the performance of his task as editor and from its first appearance the Review was a literary success. The late Frederick Douglass saw it, read it and then said: "It is the first philosophic and literary magazine of the colored race. It is exceedingly creditable and we are proud of it. Twenty years ago a like production would have been impossible." Many of the most prominent educated Afro-Americans were among the contributors secured by Bishop Tanner. The subscription list was not rapidly increased after the first few numbers, because the class of persons able to appreciate such a publication was limited. Those who were capable of seeing its value did not hesitate long about becoming a regular subscriber. Bishop Tanner probably secured about 1,500 subscribers. He was succeeded, as editor, by Rev. L. J. Coppin, D. D. Dr. Coppin was genial and popular but possessed few of the qualities for such a position. He produced a good magazine. He was scholarly and careful but he threw no soul into his task. Ambition to follow his predecessor into the bishopric laid hold upon him and he conducted his editorial work with that end in view. The Review kept up its standard so far as its character as a literary production was concerned, but it lost the charm of soul, it became labored and tame. It was simply a quarterly publication of essays. It did not reflect the living thoughts of living, acting men. The subscription list dwindled to about 1,000. Those who took the Review did it from a sense of duty and read it as one takes medicine.

Dr. Coppin, having been defeated in his aspirations for promotion, sought to be re-elected editor of the Review. He predicated his hopes upon the indifference of the uneducated majority to his failure. The general conference was composed of a class of men of higher intelligence and culture than he had anticipated. The majority clearly appreciated the situation and determined to make a change. Among the candidates there were none better fitted to undertake the task than Prof. Kealing who was elected. The October Review is a sample of what he intends to do. He has abandoned the unsightly cover and selected with fine taste a new dress. He has shown himself to be in touch with modern methods and has made a modest effort toward illustrations. "Christ and the Rich Young Ruler," is the frontispiece. His contributors are Bishop B. T. Tanner, D. D., Rev. R. C. Ransom, B. D., Prof. D. Augustus Straker, Rev. T. S. Stewart, D. D., Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, Miss Alice Ruth Moore and Paul Lawrence Dunbar. The contributions of Miss Moore and Paul Dunbar are poetry. "Midnight" by Alice Ruth Moore is a poem of rather fanciful sentiment, but there is about it a delicacy of feeling that is charming when she says:

> "Slow peeping from out of the cloudland,
> Kissing soft-flowing stream,
> The sad moon sheds over the river
> A tender silver gleam."

But there is more of fancy and less of either beautiful or sturdy sentiment in this:

> "Give of thy grim darkness, Oh, hillside,
> Give of thy light, Oh stream,
> For life in its deep truest meaning,
> Is half shadow and gleam."

Paul Lawrence Dunbar's poem, "Just Whistle a Bit," is the product of a genius. He says:

> "Just whistle a bit if the day be dark,
> And the sky be overcast:
> If mute be the voice of the piping lark,
> Why pipe your own small blast.
> And it's wonderful how o'er the gray sky-track
> The truant warbler comes stealing back;
> But why need he come? for your soul's at rest;
> And the song in the heart, Ah! that is best."

"Catholic Confession and the Basis it has in Scripture," by Bishop Tanner is designed for a special class of readers, and will greatly interest a few of that class. There is no tendency upon the part of any of his protestant readers to adopt the Roman Catholic ideas of the confession, but there is much that enlightens in the study of those ideas. So far as he presents this phase of his subject the Bishop is very interesting, but as relates to the scriptural authority for the practice, why the books are full of both sides of the discussion. "The Negro and Socialism" by Rev. R. T. Ransom is an up-to-date discussion of living issues that are emerging from the twentieth century and demanding attention. Mr. Ransom has not yet overcome the fear of what the over-sensitive Afro-American will say, and is thus lead to inject polluting sentiments regarding the race which break in upon the logic of his arguments and divert him from the pointed and definite conclusions that give practical value to all thought along such lines as he has followed. "How the Anti-Lynching Plank was put Into the Republican Platform," by D. Augustus Straker is a paper of much greater interest and value than its title would suggest. It should be read by every good citizen in order that the growing sentiment against lynching may find wholesome food upon which to feed. "Robert Purvis' Last Survivor of the anti-Slavery Society," by T. S. Steward, D. D., only lacks the picture of its subject to make it fully up to the standard of the most modern magazine article. "A few Possibilities of the National Association of Colored Women," by Mrs. Mary Church Terrell reveals glimpses of some of the newer, higher and more hopeful activities of the race that are thrilling. Those who do not see and understand what Mrs. Terrell describes are not acquainted with the new Negro.

But I fear it is entirely too much like narrow egotism for me to obtrude opinions of the articles which appeared in the Review. I, however, have no hesitation about speaking of the aggregation of the articles contained in the October number. The authors are all of the highest class and the range of subject matter is broader than it has ever been. If the race has 5,000 persons who are truly cultured, thoughtful and earnest enough to take in the subjects treated, then we can feel that we have made real progress during the past thirty years. Prof. Kealing has added great attractiveness and force to each article by printing with it the picture of its author. Of the eighty-two pages of matter the editor contributes thirty-three. This of itself reveals the energy of the man and tells us that we have no laggart in this important office. The quality of what the editor contributes tells us that in him the church has found a man peculiarly fitted for his task. Among the intelligent there will be no more doubtful expressions about the wisdom of electing a layman. Prof. Kealing has made his debut and has won his spurs. He is aware of the needs of his office and has both the energy and the ability to meet the demands. The October number is far, far below what the Review should be and can be, but it is on the road to what it should be. That is all that could thus far either be asked or expected. We can look with confidence for marked upward advance in each number, and at the end of four years we will have what to many is now not even a dream. It will take about two years to get the Review before all of the class of Afro-Americans for which it is intended. (I doubt if there are more than 5,000.) Two years more of hustling will reach 10,000 or more white patrons. Prof. Kealing can and probably will round up with about 20,000 subscribers. This idea is laughed at by most of those who surround him, but his energy can neither be submerged nor frozen. He will hold notions that are fitted to the possibilities before him and will not invite failure by coming down to the small ideas of those who are unfitted for great achievements. His only hindrances are the lack of money and the lack of more who appreciate the possibilities of the enterprise.

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Juvenile Choir Organized.

Kokomo, Ind., Special.

Rev. W. H. Bowman, the evangelist of Indianapolis, who has been here assisting Rev. L. W. Ratliffe in his meetings has gone to Noblesville. A ladies Mite Missionary Society has been organized here with a strong membership. Mrs. G. A. Ratliffe, president and Miss Lizzie Faust secretary. Sunday Nov. 22nd the society will march to the church and listen to their first annual sermon by the Rev. Ratliffe. Miss Jane Dawson is on the sick list, Under the management of Mr. Dan'l Mitton a grand entertainment will be given at the A. M. E. church on Nov. 26th, Thanksgiving day. Some of the most talented young men of the city are assisting in this entertainment. By a premature explosion in the store, the large widow glass in front of J. A. Braboy's music store was damaged last Saturday. Mr. Otis James has returned from South Bend. The A. M.E. Sunday school has organized a juvenile choir under the leadership of Mrs. G. A. Ratliffe. This choir selected little Miss Minnie Tanner as president, Mayme Faust secretary and Mrs. Ratliffe treasurer. The entertainment given by them last Tuesday evening proved to be a success. Miss Roberts spent Sunday here. Rev. L. W. Ratliffe was in Indianapolis last Monday on business.

Memphis Gleanings.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.

Mr. Dewitt Cassels has recovered. Mr. Jack Givens spent a few days in Nashville last week. Misses L. and M. Ross entertained friends last Friday. Rev. I. S. Johnson preached his farewell sermon at St. Andrews Chapel Thursday to a large congregation. Miss Kate Davis is very ill at her home. Several manufacturers have opened that have been closed for months. Miss Mamie Mosby has charge of Mis Kate Davis' school Any first class eleven averaging 150 pounds can arrange a match game of foot ball for Thanksgiving day, also for December 5th by communicating with A. J. H. Bass, manager of the Memphis Elevens. Ed. Cotton and Miss Sussie Hubbard have announced their marriage for the 25th. The following ministers have been assigned the following churches while at conference. Rev. J. N. Abby, Avery Chapel; Rev. Asberry, St. Andrews Chapel; Rev. Carwell, Providence Chapel. The young daughter of Mrs. Harris died Thursday morning the 12th. See A. J. H. Bass for The Freeman.

Tuscumbia News Notes.

Tuscumbia, Ala., Special.

Things are getting very quite since the election. The people are now ready for business. Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Effie L. Goodloe to Mr. Jerry James on the 18th inst. It promises to be a grand affair. Miss Effie is a graduate of Trinity school, Athens, Ala. Prof. G. W. Trenholm, assisted by Misses H. H. Scoggins and E. T. Brown, is doing excellent work in the city school. The standard has been raised. There are existing in the school two good societies, a temperance and a literary. Miss A. C. Shortridge passed through the city on the 14th inst., enroute to Florence, Ala. Her many friends were glad to see her. Prof. Trenholm spent last Sunday at Normal, Ala, visiting his many friends at the state Normal and Industrial school. A grand time is anticipated on Thanksgiving day. Rev. T. J. Moppins will preach the Thanksgiving sermon. Prof. W. H. Councill, A. M., President S. N. and I College, Normal, Ala., will lecture at the court house at 3 p. m., on said day, on "The Negro's Relation to the U. S. Government." Let all come and hear this distinguished and learned orator.

Arrested for Slander.

Poplar Bluff, Mo., Special.

One of the grandest jollifications of the campaign took place in this city on the night of Nov. 7th, and quite a magnificent display of fireworks was exhibited during the elegant parade. After the parade was over the vast multitude of people assembled at the Republican headquarters, situated on North Pine street, where many enthusiastic speeches and congratulations were rendered in honor of the President-elect. Miss Julia Casey was in the city from Leeper on the 8th. Miss Eva Gwinn returned from Commerce on the 9th. A lawsuit occurred on the 10th between John Gordon and Chas. Williams. Gordon had Williams arrested for slandering his wife. Wm. Wadlington received a very painful wound on the 11th while working in the switch-yard. A grand fair is to be given the 26th.

THREE GREAT EVILS MUST

BE ERADICATED BEFORE THE NEGRO CAN EXPECT PROSPERITY.

Lack of Government, Value of Money And the Necessity of Self-Sacrifice—He Must Determine His Own Destiny—How to Rise.

Having the interest of my people at heart, and desiring to give them the benefits of whatevery discovery I may make respecting their condition, have thought of no way by which I could best benefit them than by first finding and then pointing out the greatest evils that underlie and constitute the source from which all of their defects, and there begin to work. It is but little less than idioctic to attempt to heal a peisonous spring by continually casting ingredients into the flowing stream and leave its corrupted source undone. I am aware of the peculiar circumstances with which the Negro is surrounded in this country, and of the great noise that is being made on account of race troubles that exists among us. And of the wise and foolish plans that have been devised by which to make better his condition, and determine his destiny, but say what you may, it is he that must determine his own destiny. There is a fundamental vice or virtue characteristic to every nation that eventually determines its destiny. When God wanted to establish that great nation, through whom the desire of all men was to come, he sought Abraham, a man who had in him that infallible virture of home government, which governs the whole world. God called him away from the idle practice of a rude home and pointed out a new route. He said of Abraham "I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord to do justice and judgement, that the Lord may bring upon Abraham which he hath spoken of him." God had spoken of Abraham that He would make of him a great nation, and the selecting of him who would command his children and his household to be the founders of the nation, demonstrate the fact that the fundamental principle which underlies the destiny of every nation consists in a Christian family government.

By Christian family government is here meant to assemble the children in family prayers, to furnish them the means of an education, train them to good habits of moral conduct, and to prepare them for positions of good and useful members of society. But how stand the vast majority of Negroes on this subject? Where are they? Go back as far as you may and trace the source of their defects and immoral troubles, and with but few exceptions you will find them all emanating from this great evil—the lack of a Christian family government. We cannot say they are due to the lack of wealth, for the same defects are seen to exist where we can count on a few millions; nor to the lack of religious influence, because we are living in the most enlightened age of Christian civilization the world has ever witnessed. While education is a powerful factor in the problem, it does not wholly eradicate the great defects of the race. We hold that the great defects and immoral troubles of the Negro are not due to the lack of wealth, religious influences, nor wholly to education, but to the following three great evils: 1st, The lack of a Christian family government. 2d, The lack of knowing the value and influence of a dollar, and third, the lack of knowing the necessity of self-sacrifice. Instead of a Christian family government, with some exceptions, he brings his children up like the wild ass that roves the fields, or the sneaking wolf of the forest, prowling his way in the darkness.

He spends his money for that which is not bread, and that too, where it yields no strength to the race. He sacrifices no time nor means to educate his children and to make better his condition, but lying supinely at his ease, indulging in the common evils of the day, isso-lates himself from all social and national cares. Yet grumbling at the movement of the government, blaiming some one else for the fruits of his folly and waiting on Gabriel to bring about the change of affairs. But permit me to say in conclusion—hear me! Until these three great evils are removed and the rising generation learn the way to something higher, the Negro will never rise in the scales of recognition nor become a nation in this or any other country under the dome of heaven. To free the Negro from these dreaded evils, you must send him to the school room where he may be well instructed, not in books only, but carefully and prayfully instructed as to the duty and relation which he owes and sustains to his family, his race, his country and his God.

G. L. TYNS.

Washington, Ark.

An Enjoyable Affair.

Redemption, Ark., Special.

The recent election passed off quietly at this place. Rev. J. H. Hoke, state missionary of the Baptist church, preached at the Pleasant Hill Baptist church Sunday. A pleasant entertainment was given at the public school house Thursday evening under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity. It was pronounced an enjoyable affair by those present. Rev. C. W. Fields has returned from the A. M. E. annual conference at Newport. One of our popular young men is looking up a house site. Mr. Wigman Williams has returned after eleven months absense. Mrs. Malinda Dunlap is on the sick list. Watch the Redemption notes. Mr. Jefferson, our popular Post Master, is merry since the election. Subscribe for The Freeman and get the news.

AIMS OF THE GRAND UNITED

ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWSHIP AS TAUGHT AND EXEMPLIFIED

By Them—Its Intellectual, Moral and Physical Capabilities—Ogden the Father of the Order in this Country—A Tribute to Woman.

[The following oration was delivered by M. V. P., Thomas H. Wright, of Washington, D. C., during the recent session of the B. M. C. which convened in this city.]

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Worthy Master of Ceremonies, Officers and Members, Ladies and Gentlemen: Profoundly sensible of the distinguished honor conferred upon me in the invitation to address you at this time, yet now when it comes to the fulfillment of the duty which the acceptance of that invitation imposes, I cannot forget that expectations may have been formed on your part which it will not be in my power to realize.

You will, however, I trust, bear in mind that uprightness of intention may not always be attended by highly-gifted intelligence; but relying upon that kindness of feeling so pre-eminently characteristic of the "true Odd Fellow" wherever found, I feel assured that in coming before you as an humble member of our ancient and honorable fraternity, I shall receive at your hands that indulgence to which honest zeal in the great cause of benevolence and truth would seem to entitle me.

At one of the most interesting periods of our country's remarkable career and amid events of transcendent historic importance—here in this beautiful capital city of Indianapolis, sometimes called the "City of Railroads"—comes the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows of America, through the chosen representatives, to hold its eighth bi-ennial meeting.

And now pausing for a moment in the legislative labors of our session, we assemble in this spacious temple and in the presence of this large concourse of citizens and visitors, that we may mingle our congratulations and rejoicings over the continued preservation of our honored institution, and give expression to our grateful thanks to the giver of all good for the evidences of His providential care toward us since last we met. As already remarked, we come together under circumstances of more than ordinary interest. We stand by the bedside of the dying century. Its remarkable pilgrimage is almost ended and its eventful career nearly closed. The cold sweat of death gathers upon its brow, and its labored breathing, feeble pulse and palsied limbs proclaim its early disolution.

The 19th century has almost run its course. The 20th will soon be here; even now we see the dawning light; we feel the gentle zephyrs; we hear the faint whisperings that herald its near approach.

With the outgoing of the one, old things are passing away, and with the incoming of the other, all things are becoming new. And it behooves this grand old order of ours that has so proudly and so fearlessly borne aloft the unfurled banner of "Friendship, Love and Truth" to gird on its armour anew and not only resolutely determine to keep peace with other kindred institutions and racial organizations among us, and so perform its part in the further uplifting and advancement of the race, but also see to it that the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows takes the proper place in demonstrating that ability of the race to do its part in the furtherance of American development, American enterprizes, and American progress.

Fifty-three years have come and gone since the germ of Odd Fellowship was planted among those of our race. True, it had existed in this country for over a quarter of a century before this period, but we were not permitted to enter its well guarded portals nor allowed to enjoy its gracious benefits.

American prejudice had bolted and barred the door against us and summoning forth the demon spirit of its power, declared in loud and angry tones that no member of our race should enter the "Mystic Circle" beyond. But the Grand master of the Universe had decreed otherwise. And though it must needs be that in order to obtain a legal charter that would legitimate our birth and give us honorable existence, the founder of our institution, the fearless and intrepid Ogden must cross and re-cross the turbulent Atlantic; yet never was there a journey undertaken with more cheerful alacrity; never a messenger received by those to whom he was sent with greater manifestations of joy, and never a mission crowned with greater success or blessed with such enduring results.

If you doubt this statement, I refer you to the flattering report of our present honored grand officers, showing the unexcelled progress the order has made during the last two years; and if further proof be needed, then I point with pride to this magnificent demonstration surrounding our eighth biennial session to the hearty welcome extended—to the imposing and inspiring spectacle witnessed to-day on the street of this beautiful city, and to this large, intelligent and enthusiastic audience now before me.

But I must not forget that I am to address you upon the subject that has been mentioned, viz: "The Aims and Purposes of Odd Fellowship as taught and exemplified by the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America."

I remarked in the first place that Odd Fellowship "aims to promote a higher standard of moral and intellectual happiness" among those embracing its principles, and that it seeks to accomplish this by elevating the whole man. Its provisions have reference to his intellectual, moral and physical capabilities. It influences every circumstance of his life, and is calculated to modify and regulate to some extent at least, his relations in society, socially, morally and politically, and thereby make him a better husband, a better father and a better citizen.

Its ritualism, lectures and teachings abound in the purest and loftiest morality and are well calculated to exercise a most salutory moral influence upon everyone connecting himself with our fraternity. Its mottoes, emblems and symbols that meet the gaze of the Odd Fellow which ever way he turns, pointing at all times to the path of virtue, and like silent monitors, constantly remind him of the responsibilities he has assumed and the duty devolving upon him to exemplify in his dealings with those by whom he may be surrounded, both in and out of the lodge room, the principles he has espoused.

Its government, like that of our country is republican in form and rests upon universal suffrage, and like it, is composed of three bodies united in one. Our lodges are its legislatures; our B. M. C.'s its congress or highest tribunal; and our S. C. of M. its executive; and to these, I may say, are very largely committed the preservation of its three most precious jewels: its "harmony," its "prosperity" and its "reputation." And so long as those elected to these responsible positions keep within their sphere and properly perform their legitimate duties and the various promoters and members yield the loyal obedience, continued growth and development of our organization is assured.

I remark again that Odd Fellowship aims to cultivate a more sympathetic and generous spirit, not only as regards those within the "Mystic Circle," but those without as well. Hence, it teaches that every man is dependent upon his fellow man; that their misfortunes are in a great measure our own; and that as children of the same Father, we are bound by the ties of common brotherhood to help our brother man in the struggles, temptations and vicissitudes which may come upon him. So that one of the main pillows upon which Odd Fellowship rests, or "mutual relief," as it's often called, is the duty to relieve the distressed and succor the needy in the time of destitution and want.

I do not mean to say that we undertake to relieve all want and to supply all need, for no organization could do this unless it embraced within its ranks all the competent members of the human family. But I do assert that whilst under pecular obligations to take care of its own, yet, Odd Fellowship aims to cultivate a sympathetic and general spirit by giving relief to human wants and distress, wherever, whenever, and under whatever circumstances found. Many are the domestic hearths where sorrow sat brooding that have been cheered by the benevolent influence of our principles which have carried consolation to the bosom of every member of the family circle, and raised their hearts to thankfulness and joy.

And whilst in this way many are unfortunate victims to the caprice of fortune, has been relieved from want; many a man too has been rescued from the snares which beset human life, through the powerful agency of our principals, and instead of becoming a despised and disgraced member of society, has become an affectionate and loving husband, a kind and endeared father, and an honorable and respected citizen, But it is the glory and excellence of our order, not to boast of its deeds, nor to expose to the gaze of the world, what wants we supply; what griefs we assuage, what tears we wipe away, what sighs we hush, what midnight hours we spend at the bedside of the afflicted, what words of cheer we impart to the disconsolate, what aid we extend to the helpless, what private efforts we make to reprove the presumptuous and to reclaim the erring.

These things form the silent history of the order, and are written rather in heaven than on earth. In respect to them statistics, statements and reports, are alike, imperfect and incomplete. And they will forever remain unrecorded here, but are written in unfading letters on the rolls of the grand lodge above. And though our grand secretary with his orderly, systemasic and effective method of collecting data, may report from time to time the magnificent work being accomplished, giving the number relieved and the amounts collected, and how expended together with other valuable statictical information with regard to our charitable work; yet never until the records of externity shall be unrolled by the Grand Scribe of the grand lodge up yonder, will it ever be fully known what Odd Fellowship has done in the dispensation of its charities and the alleviation of human want and woe. But I remark again that Odd Fellowship also aims to cultivate the social principles.

Half of the value of Odd Fellowship says one writer lies in its "limped sociability" and constitutes the main secret of its succes. Whilst another asserts "that the best social system of the age exists in this magnificent order." And indeed, it may be said that it is upon this principle that Odd Fellowship everywhere erects its lodges and every where established the fraternity. Under its benign influences our members are brought face to face as co-workers in the same great cause, and by frequent communion come to know each other, and feel a relationship which has been engendered by acting upon one set of principles and which is cherished and strengthened by the consciousness of peculiar ties. And then again, in every branch of the order, all are judged by the pure standard of moral excellence and worth. Here, the high and the low, the rich and the poor, all meet in a common brotherhood, to teach and learn and practice those great moral principles inculcated by the order. Within the hallowed walls of the lodge room all are treated alike, all stand on an equal footing.

The honors and distinctions are the free gifts of its members, and bestowed upon the worthy in token of high appreciation and confidence. And so embracing all within our mystic circle "in the golden chain of social union." Odd Fellowship, adopting the language of Holy Writ says to the brother of high degree rejoice in that thou hast been brought low, and to the brother of low degree rejoice in that thou hast been exalted. And then, men of all shades of opinion, of all counties and of all races where the light of civilization has illumined the soul of humanity, can enter its holy bond and unite to carry out its high and lofty purposes. Its field is the world—confined in its operations to no race or cline, it reaches out its hands both to the Prince and the Peasant. Unrestricted in its movements it enters the hovel as well as the Palace; goes among the lowly as well as the exalted, and wherever it finds one of Adam's decendants extends to him the hand of sympathy and brotherly kindness. First of all let me call your attention to its numerical and financial strength. The marvelous growth and strength of the order is evidenced both in the increase in the number of its various branches as well as in the increase of the new members that compose these several branches. The most excellent and flattering report of our efficient and capable secretary, shows that for the past Biennial Term there have been opened 267 new lodges 144 new Households of Ruth, 28 new Past Grand Masters Concils and five new Patriarchies, and over thirteen thousand new members have been brought into the order since our last general meeting. Truly, this splendid exhibit of the unexcelled record of the past two years, as to the amazing increase in our membership attests in the strongest possible terms the growing popularity and usefulness of our institution, and also fully demonstrate the business like methods that govern our present grand secretary in the conduct of his office and the performance of his manifold duties. But what has been said with regard to our wonderful increase in members, applies with equal appropriateness to our increase in finances.

From an empty treasury in 1892 and the sub-committee of management over a $1000.0 in debt and without any financial showing whatever, and thereby greatly embarrassed for the want of funds inperatively needed to carry on the affairs of the order and the supplies of the office completely exhausted. We have today according to the report of our grand secretary $17,933.20 in hand, and all obligations have been met and debts paid. A full stock of supplies on hand and an honorable reputation established among the financial institutions of the city where our headquarters are at present located. But these following statistics of the growth, strength and material usefulness of the order, striking and important as they are, should not be allowed to occupy the highest place in our estimation for they are insignificant and shrunk into nothingness when compared with the great moral powers that are connected with Odd Fellowship and the beneficent principles it aims to foster and develope.

Another remarkable feature to which I desire to invite especial attention is that our order has at all times, from the date of its establishment in 1843 up until the present time preserved its unity as an organization. The schisms and dissensions which have occurred all around and about us, have not entered its sacred precints, nor scarred or seamed its massive and well-cemented proportions; nor has the war of discord to any appreciable extent, penetrated its halls nor moved it from the even and majestic tenor of its way. It has gone steadily forward, turning neither to the right nor to the left, but at all times and under all circumstances, it has borne aloft the uplifted standard of the principles it professed and the cause it had espoused, and amid all the changes that have taken place about it the "triple linked" institution has preserved an unbroken unity and maintained the steadfastness of a single purpose. It has neither wavered nor faltered; it has proven "no variableness or shadow of turning" consecrated to the cause of suffering humanity in general and the uplifting and advancement of an oppressed and down-trodden race in particular. The order, has with inviolable fidelity performed its lofty task and with unchanging purpose pursued its onward course.

It has relieved the tempted and succored the distressed; it has soothed the broken-hearted and raised up the bowed down. It has gone to the humble chamber of the sick and distressed brother, when perhaps kindred and friends were far away, or have forsaken him, and uttered words of cheer. It has entered the home of the widow when the dearest cord that bound her heart to human things had been severed and the death angel had borne away him on whom she leaned for support and whispered into her ear as she sat in loneliness and tears words of comfort and stretched out a hand of sympathy and relief. And so it has gone on in its work of benovelence and labor of love, and by an inflexible adherence to the grand truths its professed and unwavering fidelity to the principles it had espoused, and an unfaltering devotion to the furtherance of the aims and purposes for which it was organized; it has faithfully and heroically pursued its grand mission in the world. As I contemplate this distinguishing feature of the order, and look into the faces of these assembled hosts that have so valiantly and yet so harmoniously given power to the organization, I may be permitted to adopt the language of Holy Writ and say, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." But not only have we maintained an unbroken unity among ourselves, but we have also preserved an uninterrupted harmonious paternal relationship with our honored English sires, and though seperated from them by over 3,000 miles, yet a regular correspondence has been kept up between us in all these years of our existence, and it is exceedingly gratifying to know that the same kindly spirit that welcomed Ogden in England fifty-three years ago, still exists on the part of our brethren across the sea, and that the bond of unity between the Odd Fellows of Europe and those of America, as embraced in the G. U. O. of O. F., is just as strong to-day as it was at Leed's England, on the 19th day of March in the year 1843, when granted the dispensation that introduced the order among those of our race here in this country.

It has woman's sympathy and help. It has been said that no organization or enterprise need have any misgivings as to ultimate success that has woman's sympathy, co-operation and assistance. If this be true, then the G. U. O. of O. F. has nothing to fear and all things to hope for. Here she takes her place by the side of her father, her brother, her husband, her son, sometimes her sweetheart joins hands with them in the development of its resources, the dissemination of its principles and the furtherance of its interests. To-day, 29,706 women in our Households of Ruth attests their abiding faith in the institution, and in its welfare, and their presence here to-day in such large numbers evidences in unmistakable language her warm-hearted interests in its affairs, and as the true aims and objects of the order shall become more and more known and appreciated, her numbers will be largely augmented, her zeal greatly quickened and the benefits resulting therefrom, both to herself and to the order will be correspondingly enhanced. Rejoicing therefore in their presence here to-day, I embrace the opportunity to extend to these ladies and Odd Fellows greetings and welcome to our order. I do so because I recognize the influence woman exerts in the cause of benevolence and the power she possesses in controlling and giving directions to the energies of men.

Let us, my brethren, take fresh courage, from the prosperous surroundings, and with increased activity go forth full of faith and full of hope. Let us forever hold in grateful remembrance the name of our illustrious founder and his worthy co-adjutors. Truly, they builded better than they knew, for in the organization of the Philomathean Lodge they laid broad and deep the foundation of an institution that has successfully stood and withstood the storms of more than half a century, and that has over-leaped all barriers. The amazing progress that has attended its footsteps, the wonderful influence it has excited in the social, moral, intellectual and material advancement of its members. The matchless rapidity with which it has has spread east, west, north and south, and the highly beneficent results everywhere accomplished through its instrumentality in the cause of suffering humanity attest the proud eminence to which the order has already arrived, whilst the record of the practical benefits it has bestowed prove clearly and conclusively that it does not altogether consist of meaningless show and empty parade as some would have you believe. Let us then, my brethren, thoroughly acquaint ourselves with the aims and objects, principles and purposes, teachings and workings of the order, and by a practical observance thereof not only take unto ourselves strength and power to discharge our duties in whatever position we may be called upon to act, but also be able to show the proud eminence in moral usefulness to which the order has arrived in the half century of its existence in this country. But if Odd Fellows place a higher estimate upon their rites and ceremonies or their dress and regalia, however beautiful and significant, than upon the practical duties they are designed to inculcate, then it needs no seer to predict its future glory, for long before another fifty years shall have come and gone, upon your uplifted standard so proudly floating to the breeze today, there shall be written in letters of living light, "Thy glory has departed." But I will not sully the bright hopes which kindle so many countenances around me with pleasure, with any such gloomy forebodings; to do so would be to cast an unwelcome shadow upon joyous surroundings and mar the pleasures of this festal occasion. I am quite sure that these marshalled hosts of our time honored fraternity will never permit its famous colors to be lowered or trail in the dust. It has has exhibited a most marvelous growth and development in numbers and influence that has done more perhaps than any other organization among us to demonstrate the capacity of the American Negro for self-government, and that in its ever widening and increasing usefulness, and its unequalled and unexcelled services in the cause of suffering humanity, stands to-day, in many respects, without a peer and without a rival in all the land, and is said to be the largest secret organization in the world.

What wonderful change has taken place in this country of ours since Ogden in 1843 unfurled the banners of Odd Fellowship to the breeze among those of his race. From that little band that organized our mother lodge in New York City we have so increased in numbers that until now over a half million colored Americans here, and hundreds and thousands in other lands and in the Islands of the sea own our fraternity, bow around our altars and acknowledge the laws and principles of our honored institution as their guide, and but a few days since, I had the pleasure of welcoming to the Capital City of the nation—a brother, who had come all the way from British Honduras, and that largely at his own expense, that he might be made a Past Grand Master and so became properly and legally qualified to introduce that branch of the order in his distant home.

And so the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows continues to spread and so it will continue to enlarge its borders and extend its influence, until in the language of our own honored silver tongued orator, M. V. P, Wm. Howard Day, "Our order, representing the new Odd Fellowship of the American Continent, will march forward to kneel at the altar rail of the temple of humanity, to have placed upon her beautiful brow the laurel crown of victory." Then, from every position of this vast continent from hill and mountain, from valley and plain, from ocean and river, shall come the joyful refrain heralded nineteen centuries ago, on the plains of Bethlehem, at the birth of the Savior of the world. "Glory to God in the highest on earth peace good will to men."

Then, shall the wilderness break forth into songs of praise, The soletary places shall be made to rejoice and the desert shall bud and bloom as the rose, and then shall the heaven approved and triumptant principles of friendship, love and truth, faith, hope and charity, cover the earth as the waters do the channel of the great deep. Then, shall the victorious standard of Odd Fellowship be set up in every land and among all people, and its flaunting banners resplendent with the glories of a practical benevolence, a living charity and a universal brotherhood wave in glad triumph.

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A BRIGHTER LIGHT SHINES IN THE HORIZON FOR THE NEGRO.

The Black Clouds That Have Hung Like a Pall Over Him are Being Penetrated by Intellectuality—His Past and Present.

Time runs fast, and the progress of the Negro has been chasing time to the front for the last twenty years. The Negro has raised up his head, and his rapid strides shows that he is looking forward to better days than those of the past. The time must soon come when the Negro must be acknowledged as one of the most progressive races of the world, and who would dare try to check him in the race to that honor. Slavery has been crushed; the crack of the whip, the bark of the bloodhound, the hard task-master, and the sending of the Negro South are things of the past—things that will never more subdue the Afro-American; no more shall the child be taken from its mother's arms, for as the evening grows darker, the sun begins to set far over the Kentucky hills, shedding its red glow of light all over the Kentucky plantations. You can see the Negroes here and there coming home in all directions; the day's work is done once more; for one night the overseer lays down his whip; the Negroes go to their homes to rest; the sun has sunken low in the west; darkness has began to shed its blessing upon the Southern plantation; a few stars here and there are seen: the plow still lays in the ground, where the horse and Negro have made their last round for the day; all was calm and quiet without.

It is now about 8 o'clock; darkness has spread over all, and as we peep into the distance we see a ray of light coming from a crevice in the old log cabin; as you get closer you can see a candle or an old grease lamp burning; a bright fire burns in the old fashioned clay fire place; on the logs sits a kettle, and in one corner an old fashioned oven. Around the fire place sits the old man and his two sons; on the floor lay a baby boy, crowing and kicking in gleeful joy, not knowing the torture that awaited him. Drawing nearer the opening you might have heard the old man saying: "My boy, this can't be always; God will not forever turn a deaf ear to our prayers; he is a just God, and some day we will come out all right; you may not see it—I may not see it, but the time will come when our race shall be free."

Supper was ready and they ate heartily, after which there came Negroes from all over the plantation to talk and hold prayer-meetings; they prayed to be freed from oppression, and their prayers have been answered. Many obstacles stand in the pathway, but time will remove all, and he shall gain prosperity and proclaim victory; he shall lift up his head and be proud of the name which has so long been oppressed.

Young Afro-Americans, you who are at the head of the race in civilization to honor and fame, push forward to the front—mark well your steps, that your race may be proud of you and the world may see your spotless record. Who has fought a harder battle than the Negro? Stand firm and fear not. Trust in God and push forward; Providence will not stand by and see you crushed; the time is at hand, and the victory is ours. The time has come when those who have oppressed the Negro must fall back, for the oppressed are growing stronger, and will revolt against tyranny. The Negro should feel proud of their most learned men who stand ready to defend their cause. Young Afro-Americans, you who have succeeded in your undertakings, linger not by the wayside; make not man but God your example, honor and prosperity your aim; push forward—do not get discouraged; you have a rough sea to cross, but be brave, trust in him above, and you will be victorious. Oh, America, the country the Negro loves, long may you live and prosper! The Negro, your most obedient son, who has never raised his hand against you, appeals to you as a child would appeal to its mother. The Negroes whose fathers fought to save the United States, beg you to look back at the silent graves of their fathers, who, if they could speak would ask you to hearken to our cry for help; to cast around them your arms of protection. If you will hear not, then you are making a bad dog of your pet spaniel, and you may get bit. Be kind to him and he will ever be your friend.

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Distinguished Visitors Present.

Normal, Ala., Special.

Sunday Nov. 1st, the senior class held a memoral service for two of its members, Albert Cornelius and Lizzie Harris. The president's address was timely and impressive. Normal has been honored by some very distinguished guest during the past two days. The Baptist convention of the state of Alabama, white, closed its session Nov. 9th. At our morning service Nov. 8th, we were visited by Rev. Drs. Currey and James F. Edens, field agent of the Christain Index, Atlanta, Ga. The morning sermon was preached by Rev. Edens. The sermon was forcible in its convincing power, and its truths found a way into each heart. At 7:30 p. m., Dr. Bledsoe, secretary of the State Home Missionary Board of the state of Alabama, and Revs. Dr. Crumpton preached. The sermon was rich in thought and powerful in its simplicity. Monday Nov. 9th the convention sent a committee to visit the school. The gentlemen on the committee were a Mr. White, Revs. Lovelace and Campbell.

TOPICS OF FASHION.

Moufflon is a fur that will be in high favor this season.

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Few women can wear plaid gowns with any degree of grace.

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Mink, it is said, will be exceedingly popular as a lining for short cloth capes and as a trimming on collars.

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A decidedly odd notion is the foreign fad for trimming underware with black and white embroideries and laces.

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Vests of cream lace over white satin are very dressy, and are particularly chic with the all black braided tailor-made gown.

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Half a dozen bibs, made of pique or fleece-lined Marseilles, are prime necessities of a baby's wardrobe, and may easily be made by the mother.

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Among the pretty things for the debutante are odd hair ornaments. Tortoise-shell pins, encrusted with gold Empire wreaths, are very beautiful.

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The winter styles in full-dress slippers and stockings are now out, and it is advisable to choose one's things early, in order to obtain the most desirable designs.

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Silver and gold toilet articles are being turned out in the oddest shapes and designs. Button-hooks, puff-boxes and vinaigrettes are particularly odd and attractive.

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Pretty serviceable fronts are made of gay plaid silks or striped velvets. These are finished with the full pouf, which is held in place by small enameled buttons.

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For the morning shopping excursion nothing is smarter than the bright little scarlet waistcoat of smooth cloth, buttoned high to the throat with dull gold or old silver buttons.

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Colored velvets in the dark rich shades of red and green are much used for waistcoat; or, if too expensive, a very good substitute may be found in the pretty and really artistically colored velveteens.

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The new sleeve does not save a bit of material, from the peculiarity of its shape. Those who were congratulating themselves upon having to buy less material to make their gown on account of the diminished size of the sleeve, will find they are mistaken.

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Crepon as a dress material is away out of date, so hurry up and get yours worn out, if you have one. China crepe, though, is ultra-swell for evening gowns, almost the same appearance in material, only one is wool, the other silk; such is the inconsistency of fashion.

Death of an Aged Man.

Decatur, Mich., Special.

Jacob H. Simpson departed this life Oct. 22nd at his home, three miles east of Decatur, Mich. Mr. Simpson has been a resident of Van Buren county since 1860, where he moved here with his family from Rush county, Ind. He was born in 1816 in South Carolina, moved with his parents to Henderson, O., in 1832, they then went to Rush county, Ind., in 1837. He was married to Miss Martha Watkins of Blue River, Ind. Mrs. Simpson died in 1887, he leaves nine children. His funeral was the largest ever held at the Decatur church, and was conducted by Rev. Richard Jeffries. Mr. Simpson was a Mason of, long standing, having joined that order in Carthage, Ind., in 1848 or 1850. He was a member of the Diciple church but attended the Baptist church and was buried from the same. Mrs. J. W. Young of Leadville, who attended the funeral of her father here, has returned to her home.

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Oh, brilliant is the morn!

Hail, O hail, Thanksgiving Day, hail!
Those of celestial days;
Thy presence no one dost bewail;
Our God in thee we praise!

Thou art of days so joyous fair,
A message from above
Of mercy and protecting care,
Yea, never ceasing love!

In thee the rich and poor are glad—
The poor are clothed and fed;
May all be bless'd—no hearts be sad,
And by His word be led.

Just thirty and two years ago,
A race were bathed in tears,
But each year since, we've learned to know
Thy mission, it appears.

Just Before Twilight.

Thine light observe, art growing dim;
Soon thou'll departed be;
O, blissful day, return to Him
Who giveth light to thee.

I hope to see thee oftimes more
On this side of the grave;
Or on that bright celestial shore,
And my dear soul to save.

Farewell! good Thanksgiving Day, now
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I tender thee my midnight bow—
Assign thee 'mong the blest.

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Before you make up your mind,
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Before you the fetters bind,
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All houses are made of glass;
All sinners are saved by grace;
Before you the sentence pass,
Just put yourself in his place.

Before you cast the first stone,
Examine full well the case;
Perhaps it's best to condone,
So put yourself in his place.

If God should hew to the line,
We would be an undone race;
It is well for mine and thine,
To put ourselves in his place.

My friend, if you're without sin,
Move on with an even pace;
But amid the noise and din,
Just put yourself in his place.

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THANKSGIVING DAY.

The Pilgrims might have remained in Holland under the pastoral care of John Robinson, but they were English. As Englishmen they could not see their children grow up in what they considered the boorish manners of the Hollanders. They could not think of a Dutch progeny. The land of dykes, windmills and canals did not afford their minds the mental ease old England furnished, barring religious persecutions. The home of wooden shoes and where everyone skates, whether to a marriage or a funeral, was certainly uninviting to those who had been reared in merry England. But for conscience sake they could not subscribe to what they considered the intolerable creed of the established church. They could not return to England, they having fled some eleven years before, nor could they be satisfied to remain in Holland. Nothing but the new found land by Christopho Colombo offered an escapement from the situation. The world knows the rest; it knows how the Speed Well and the Mayflower started on the trackless deep. The unworthiness of the Speedwell to combat the seas caused a shiver of despond, but for a moment only. The Mayflower of blessed remembrance, right gallantly breasted the waves and won the port. The landing of this undaunted band is the most conspicuous event in the history of colonizing in America.

"The breaking waves dashed high,
On a stern and rockbound coast;
And the woods against the stormy sky,
Their giant branches tossed."

To a band less courageous, this scene would have caused giant despair; no hands to grasp, nor voices to welcome. The Indians had nothing to offer. It was September, that portion of the year when man at his best and most favorable situation must bestir himself in order to keep the wolf from the door, and to oppose the silent, but deadly forces of King Frost. These proved inveterate enemies, and ere many moons had waxed and waned, Charon, the embassador of death, had ferried over one-half of the noble band, numbering about one hundred in all, to the great beyond.

"What sought they thus afar?"

They sought an asylum that did not fetter conscience; where they could worship God under their own vine and fig tree without fear of molestation.

"They sought a faith's pure shrine."

But not forsaken nor despised by their creator; earth soon glowed under their returning sun—the reign of Pluto was at end. The survivors were not negligent of their opportunity. Mother earth was tickled and she laughed with a bountiful harvest. Granaries were erected to receive the superabundance of grain, "the starving time" had given away to plenty. The guiding genius of the grain fields, mother ceres exhibited unusual anxiety as to the safety of these nomads. These good people who saw through all their suffering the hand of Him eyer hanging out as the rainbow of promise, felt it their duty to return thanks to the God of that hand which they grasped when all earthly help was gone, for so mercifully preserving and caring for them. Even to this day a grateful nation falls on its knees, thankful for past blessings and guidance in remembrance of that first thanksgiving in the nation's history.

GENERAL LEE put it philosophically when he says that if with all the vigilance of the Spanish forces and boats with only the coast line of Cuba to guard, they succeed in capturing only one formidable expedition, how do they expect the United States, with no ends to serve beyond neutrality, with a hundred times the coast, to do better. It seems a strained neutrality anyhow that must go to the extra expense of patroling the high seas in quest of those who may see fit to go to Cuba. No government can maintain nentrality by any armed interference. If men do not escape wholesale, there is nothing to prevent men and arms in small installments, which in principal is no worse than large installments. It is not supposed that the government winks at these expeditions, nor can we see that this government must do picket duty for a ten years' war. The fact of it is this war should be forced to a head. Spain does not mislodge her complaint when she says this country is in sympathy with Cuba. It is right. We are standing on form and ceremony only, and mighty — tired of that. Weyler is a tyrant, and as such he was chosen to succeed Campos. His late act of press censorship shows the straits to which he is driven. If 60,000 well fed Spaniards can not in two years dislodge these barefooted Cubans, this rebellion ought to be at belligerent proportions at least, so that the Cubans could have a chance. The day is fast approaching when countries will draw in their tentacles; feeling over all sea s and lands, or have them unceremoniously chopped off. Sooner or later they will exert themselves, be part and parcel of their country in every phase of government, or they will set up for themselves. Spain may as well get out of the way—it will come sooner or later.

THE Standard, a theatrical sheet that makes a specialty of figures of celebrants in picturesque attitudes and attitudes otherwise, gives some representation of poses by Miss Rachel Walker, the most famous legitimate singer of the race, in a recent issue. The positions are all modest enough, but the group has for its foot lines the following: "It is a long cry from a church in Cleveland to a New York music hall, but she doesn't mind it." It appears that Miss Walker is singing in a music ball in New York City. It may mean dollars and cents to Miss Walker, but the tone of those foot lines might mean a sacrifice otherwise. We of Indianapolis who know and love Miss Walker, for she appeared in her musical infancy before us, feel chagrined to know that the exchange of situations might even suggest unfavorable comment. The lady is not only talented, but of a disposition not met with in artists of ability as a rule—she being as lovely, simple and sweet as the songs she sang, and at the same time unquestionably held first place among the singers of her race, and among the first of any race in her style of singing. If there is room for disparangement in the reversal of positions, we have nothing to offer but regrets.

ALL the Afro-American journals are now getting down to business again. The post election editions give evidences of a renewed hustling for subscribers and attention to the details necessary to make a good readable paper. The Indianapolis Freeman is not a whit behind. It feels that the course it has pursued in the past is worthy of much consideration for the future. It is no exaggeration to say that The Freeman presents more general information to its readers than any other Afro-American journal; information that concerns the race. To see The Freeman is to subscribe for it.

"WHAT shall the harvest be?" is now being sung in many keys.

M'KINLEY'S CABINET.

The Washington Post, of Washington, D. C., of Nov. 7th, has much to say anent the forming of Mr. McKinley's cabinet. It suggests that a Negro should occupy one of these important positions, giving reasons for its faith, and suggesting names for the place it maps off.

"Under date of Nov. 7th the Daily Post, of Washington, D. C., says the Negro should have a place in President elect McKinley's cabinet. While the Conservator does not agree with all the Post's premises, deductions and conclusions, it still concedes that it would be a long step in advance and a handsome recognition of the Negro's services to the Republican party to make one of our number a member of the cabinet."

The above from the Chicago Conservator is a reminder that there may be breakers ahead. Where such generosity exists, coupled with such impotency, a third element denominated suspiciousness naturally arises. If the Post was a Republican paper in politics, its utterances might do to swear by; but being of the opposite faith, there may be "a method in its madness." Singular, too, that such states as Indiana, West Virginia, Maryland, Kentucky, Deleware and Ohio should be pointed out as the battle ground of the party's perplexities, yet none of the names mentioned are from the states so designated. The Post, perhaps, may feel that after all politics is more of a sentiment with the colored people than the other people. It may be sentiment that actuates the voter until voting day are perhaps, stronger partisan creeds, but after the election the colored man is actuated by the same impulses that actuates any other class of voters. It strikes one forcibly if the Post was as sincere as it appears, that it would think that the states where the Negro vote made it possible for McKinley, as it avers, should be the state for the reciprocity. This theory in the main is always carried out. Respect for the geographical division of the country is not lost sight of all together, but the localities that contribute most liberally or most peculiarly towards bringing about a desired result, are always the most favored. This is politics as against sentiment. But perhaps the object of the Post was to throw the apple of discord. This, doubtless, is an extreme view of the case, but not altogether improbable. In that event, it is safe to say that the colored man will set no stakes so far as to be useless. While these states do depend on the colored man's votes for Republican success, they also depend on the votes of the other race. This fact taken in connection with many others which must be considered whether one wills or not, ought to have much to do in determining the relation the colored man will sustain to the incoming administration. It is taken for granted that his services will be a subject for proper consideration, without the intervention of the third party.

"WE extend our congratulations to Congressman Hon. Geo. H. White, of Taboro, N. C.; Hon. G. L. Jones, of the Indiana legislature; J. C. Buckner, of the Illinois legislature; E P. Wright, County Commissioner of Cook county, also R. Emmett Stewart, of Guthrie, Okla., county clerk."—Omaha Progress.

The persons here referred to are the colored men who were successful in the late election. It is too bad that Nebraska has nothing to offer this year, not even an electoral voter.

IT is said the Negroes of Georgia feel there is cause for rejoicing in the election of Atkinson several weeks ago, because he took such a firm stand against lynching. There are certainly no objections to any rejoicing wrung out of his election. It is true that the governor did offer rewards for the apprehension of mobites and also said some nice things, but we have not been apprised of the good accomplished.

THE WORLD, of this city, kindly mentions the proprietor of this paper, George L. Knox, for the Recordership of Deeds of the District of Columbia under the incoming administration. Mr. Knox is very grateful to the World and his many friends who feel that Indiana is entitled to some recognition. The steady advocacy of McKinley by The Freeman possibly has mnch to do with the supposed candidacy of Mr. Knox.

THE crucial test is now on. Can the Negroes resist the temptation to apply for places on the score of color and race fealty, or is it to be a matter of merit and efficiency? How will this thing be settled? This thing of consistency will stand a little watching.

"THE election returns of Mississippi show that Lynch, Republican, polled over 300 more votes than the Hill faction, notwithstanding the fact that the silver Democrats and Hill commissioners left the Lynch ticket off the official ballot in some of the counties."—Exchange.

Who was Hill for anyway, since he is said to have opposed Lynch?

THE proverbial skin of the teeth will suit Kentucky's situation this election. Kentucky is the prodigal son of the party—more anxiety and rejoicing for Kentucky than for Pennsylvania with her 304,000 majority.

AUGUSTUS M. HODGES is writing another novel, entitled, "Judge Clifford's Daughter." Mr. Hodges has been quite successful in the field of literature.

THE state officials of Indiana have been a trifle cold towards the colored contingent. It is very possible that they do not believe in drawing the color line anyhow.

THE Southern Workman comes to us in its usual good form. It is neatness itself. It is full of valuable information, and bears the earmarks of prosperity.

PERHAPS the war scare regarding Spain is due to the relaxing of the election tension; the secondary consideration has now assumed first place.

IT is said that T. Thomas Fortune has retired from the editorship of the Southern Age. Comments is reserved until T. Thomas speaks in person.

DR. J. MARCUS CARGILL has been elected to the city council of Baltimore. The council in that city has charge of school affairs.

GOVERNOR-ELECT MOUNT is seriously considering the appointing of a young colored man as a messenger to his office.

DR. S. A. ELBERT of this city has announced himself as candidate for Recorder of Deeds, for the District of Columbia.

IF there is a cabinet position for a colored man, the Republicans should suggest it, not the Democrats.

IT is said that Maceo may attack the Trocha, others say nay, and thus the story runs.

ISAAC B. ALLEN, of Boston was elected.

Annual Conference in Session.

Ennis, Tex., Special.

M. F. Brown and Miss Lucy McCoin married last Monday night at the residence of the bride's parents. Geo. W. Buchman, of Iowa, is in the city working up his barber trade. Mrs. Right and Mrs. Walton went to the country last week to spend the day with friends. Mr. and Mrs. Richmond Washington had a new comer at their residence last week. George Wafford returned home last week. Mr. and Mrs. Green Dun have a new comer at their home—a big boy. P. A. Barnes made a flying trip to Greenville, Tex., last Sunday. He reports good times. Ben Slaughter is on the night watch. Rev.S.A. Benson, pastor of the C. M. E. church left for the annual conference last week. Mrs. Mollie Blunt left for Chatfield last week to see her father-in-law, who is laying very ill. Prof. J. P. Elliott is still on the sick list. Mr. Arthur Russell returned from Denison, Tex., last Sunday and reports a good time. The A. M. E. annual conference convened here on the 18th of this month. A grand time is expected. H. Gray is The Freeman agent, give him your subscription and take one of the greatest Negro news papers in the union. Keep posted on the race progress.

Current Events.

Wilberforce, O., Special.

Prof. Clark is leading the church to victory. Wilberforce has never had his superior as a pastor. Bishop B. W. Arnett visited in Indianapolis this week. Dr. J. G. Mitchell payed Cincinnati a visit. Mrs. Young entertained ladies from Dayton and Xenia last week. Miss Jessie Henderson, a graduate of Witenburg University will travel in the interest of Payne Theological Seminary. She left last Tuesday. She is quite an accomplished young lady and should be well received by all she may visit. Thanksgiving is going to be a very enjoyable day at Wilberforce, as the faculty is preparing to give the students a very fine dinner. Rev. R. A. Adams, of the Theological department was compelled to return to his home in Mississippi on account of bad health. Prof. G. T. Woodson, the new secretary of the Theological department, is making things look very neat in that department. He is a hustler. Rev. W. H. Peck, of Baltimore, Md., has returned to the Seminary. Parker Alexander has opened a boarding club in the Seminary. The Freeman is on sale at Prof. J. P. Shorter's ladies' and gents' furnishing store; Johnson's book store in the Blackburn hotel building, and the Seminary by H. F. Bray. John Hilton, of Springfield, O., has returned to the University. Judge Huggins, of Philadelphia, Pa., addressed the Sodalian Literary society Thursday evening. He is an able speaker. Mrs. J. P. Shorter is in Indianapolis, Ind. D. Asbury, of Pennsylvania, has returned to school. Give all news of interest to H. F. Bray. The A. M. E. church raised $100 for the cause of education Sunday.

Logansport News Notes.

Logansport, Ind., Special.

Mrs. Dennis Eckels of Lafayette is visiting her daughter-in-law, Mrs. John Eckels of the south side. Mrs. Ruth Beckwith of Terre Haute, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Joe Malone of Washington. Mother Banks has returned from Richmond, where she has been visiting for two or three weeks. She joined the A. M. E. church last Sunday night. Mother Banks is loved by all who know her. Mrs. Jane Garrison who has been on the sick list is better. H. Harris and son were called to Frankfort, Ind., by the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Thompson. Rev. Lewis Pettiford was surprised by his congregation Sunday evening. He was presented with a very fine bible it being his birthday. The Freeman will be on sale at the Palace barber shop, 222 Market street. Miss Lady Dabney of Clarksville, Tenn., who has been attending Wilberforce University, is in the city the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. C. Ford. She is under the treatment of Dr. Bell, the famous throat and lung specialist. She is keeping up her studies at the high school of this city, and hopes soon to be able to return to Wilberforce.

Latest News—Personals.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

Mr. J. M. H. Graham, the candidate elect to the legislature is on the alert to avoid being side tracked by the Democrats. Reid Smith and Jessie Firse, two enterprising gentlemen, have opened a new palace saloon on Strawberry Alley. Mr. Joseph Thompson, the mail carrier, had his entire house burned down on Nov. 13th. The loss exceeds $1,500, the insurance about $600. The origin of the fire is unknown. Robert Outlaw has composed a beautiful poem on Graham's election for The Freeman. Miss Millie Johnson, wife of Banks Johnson, died at her home in South Clarksville Nov. 13th. G. Q. Boyd will run for representative in the case of another run. W. L. Main showed here on the 17th. Melvin Hutchinson has returned from a hunting trip with a boat full of fish stories. Mr. William Barksdale is seriously ill at his home. Solomon Whitlock has accepted a rolling position with John Hurst. Mrs. Cheatham is improving. Be sure and get the leading race journal. W. L. Johnson when in the city, latest comic and motto buttons.

Church and Personal Mention.

Columbus, Ind., Special.

At St. Luke's Chapel Rev. Hubbard Brewer is moving along nicely. Prof. Jackson, known throughout the State as a Sabbath School organizer, is doing a grand work here. Miss Eva McCullum, the popular young teacher, assisted in furnishing excellent music for each service. This young lady is a recent graduate of Wilberforce, O., and during her short stay here she has won for herself many friends. Mrs. Pettiford a zealous worker, has been appointed as our missionary commissioner.

Mrs. Duncan has recovered from a few days sickness. Geo. Duncan has returned home. Mr. Reynolds and wife have moved here from Danville, Ind. Elder Miller, the worthy pastor of the Second Baptist church, left Sunday night for Edinburg. Bro. Miller is doing a grand work and is well thought of by the people in general. This church will give a grand concert on Thanksgiving night. Ellis Stewart has the honor of being the first colored juror in Bartholomew county. We feel proud of him. On Sunday night Nov. 22nd there will be given a sacred concert. All are invited.

Columbus, Ohio's Budget.

Columbus, O., Special.

T. Dent has gone to Baltimore, Md., to visit his parents. Charles Cottrel's neice has returned home after spending several weeks with her uncle. P. Manly, of Chapel street, has a very sick child. J. Wheatley of Sixth street is on the sick list. There is quite a contest among the Afro-Americans to supersede Wilbur King the efficient clerk in the Probate Judge office, who has been the private secretary of the Probate Judge for four years, and will likely be the Afro-American candidate of Franklin county for representative. Mr. King is a favorite and would make a creditable representative. Among the many who are in the fight for that position is Robt. Allen, Harry Alexander and J. J. Lee. Mr. Lee is president of the Afro-American league; Mr. Allen had charge of the famous Bliss Glee Club during the late campaign; and Mr. Alexander was in the county committee rooms as clerk, each of them having been ardent supporters, and a triangle fight that a dark horse is liable to secure the place.

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SENTIMENTS

The State committee of the National Democratic party in Missouri has made its organization permanent and will continue the fight for the gold standard, with Edward Cunningham, Jr., as chairman. An address to the people of Missouri was issued, of which the following is part: "We hope that all such persons who agree with us on the principles necessary to a government of law, a stable standard of values, a just performance of contracts according to the true measure of the promise, a tariff for revenue only and other historic doctrines of the Democratic party, encouraged by the popular verdict against the propositions of the Chicago platform, will henceforth unite with us in our contest against Socialism."

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Official returns of Kentucky have been tabulated by counties showing that Smith, one of the Bryan electors, runs 2,000 ahead of the lowest McKinley elector and is elected. The other twelve Bryan electors run from 300 to 700 behind twelve of the McKinley electors. The total vote of the State was 444,243, as follows: McKinley, 218,055; Bryan, 217,797; Palmer, 5,018; Levering, 3,374. McKinley's average plurality, 258 on the vote for electors.

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The State committee of the National Democratic party of Georgia, met recently at Atlanta, and adopted the following:

"Resolved, by the States committee of the National Democratic party in Georgia, That the Indianapolis platform presents the true standard of Democracy. Upon that basis we invite all Georgians to co-operate with us. We firmly believe that Democratic principles can never succeed nor the party survive except through our organization. To the principles of the Indianapolis platform, as the only Democratic faith, we adhere, and upon it we invite the aid and support of all good citizens."

ODDS AND ENDS.

Of all ornaments rings are supposed to have been the first worn.

There are 1,425 characters in the 24 books that Charles Dickens wrote.

On Jan. 1st the armies of the world numbered nerly 4,500,000 men.

Gunpowder dates from 346 A. D., while smokeless gunpowder dates back to 1845.

The greatest length of England and Scotland, north and south, is about 608 miles.

The 72 races inhabiting the world communicate with each other in 3,004 different tongues, and worship in 1,000 religions.

The biggest bug in the world lives in Venezuela. It is called the "elepnaut beetle," and a full-grown one weighs half a pound.

The tiger's strength exceeds that of the lion. Five men can easily hold down a lion, but nine are required to hold a tiger.

One of the oldest rings extant is that of Cheops, the founder of the great Pyramids. It is of gold, covered with hieroglyphics.

The oldest university in the world is ElAzhar, meaning "the splendid," situated at Cairo. It is the greatest Mohammedan school, and clear records dating 975.

In certain parts of China the young women wear their hair in a long single plait, with which is intertwined a strand of bright scarlet thread, which denotes them to be marriageable.

The number of men and women in the world are very nearly equal, the average longevity of both sexes being only 38 years, while about one-third of the population dies before the age of 17.

Quarterly Meeting Services.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Speciel.

Ada Newson, of Williamsville, is in the city. Rev. J. J. Hill held is first quarterly meeting here the 15th. He was assisted by Rev. W. H. H. Butler, D. D., of Detroit, and Rev. Masterson, of Battle Creek. D. E. Butler was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Richards. Miss Edith Hill left Saturday to visit friends in Cossopolis. Joseph Butler of Bloomingdale, was the guest of Amos Stewart's family last week. Rev. Mrs. Isabell will leave soon for a visit in Decatur, Ill. Mrs. Tobitha Waldon has returned from Constantine. Allen Phillips is on the sick list. Mrs. Cyrus Stewart is visiting relatives in Brownsville.

The Indianspolis Freeman is the only colored illustrated weekly journal published in the world. It should be in every home, school, library, and business place in the Union.

SPORTING NOTES.

Frank Craig, the "Coffee Cooler," writes from England to Matchmaker Billy Newman, of the Bohemian Sporting Club, that he accepts the offer of a $2,000 purse to meet Dan Creedon at the club, and that he will start for this country as soon as Creedon accepts.

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Joe Thayer, fatally injured recently at Latonia and subsequently destroyed, was a very fair sort of 3-year-old and belonged to Smith & Ferguson. It was asserted by some that Jockey Britton was responsible for the collision and mix-up, but an investigation failed to criminate Britton.

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The proposed English match between Joe Walcott and Dick Burges has fallen through. Perhaps it is just as well for Dick that it has. "The Black Demon" would, I think, repeat the licking Kid Lavigne gave him.

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Philadelphians who saw the bout between Steve O'Donnell and Walter Johnson, say that the black man had all the best of it. Steve and his manager, Billy Madden, are fighting shy of Parson Davies' proposition to pit big black Bob Armstrong against Steve for a purse and to bet $1,000 on the outside. Armstrong is big strong and awkward, but he can hit very hard.

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The checks which the men indorsed to get their shares of the purse ($3,000 to Lavigne and $500 for Everhardt) were the largest (in size) ever used in New York. They were specially printed and were on heavy paper and are fourteen inches long and seven and one-half wide. They have been canceled and Mr. Genslinger intends having them framed and will hang them on the walls of the club.

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The largest attendance of the season gathered at the Art Athletic Club, of Philadelphia, Penn., Nov. 14th, to witness the four-round boxing bout between Frank P. Slavin, of Australia, and Walter Johnson, the young colored heavyweight, of Philadelphia. There was great interest in the contest as Johnson had bested Steve O'Donnell when they recently met in that city, and especially as O'Donnell had defeated Slavin in New York. When the men appeared on the stage it was seen that Slavin had far the advantage in height and weight. He did not look to be in as good condition however, as Johnson. The men were not long in getting to business and the set-to was one of the best ever seen in that city while it lasted. Johnson showed that he was the quickest and cleverest by landing on Slavin several times in the first round with his left hand. Slavin got in a couple of right handers on the ribs, but they did no damage. He aimed several fierce swings at Johnson, but the latter was too clever and ducked out of reach. In the second round, Johnson landed a right-hand smash on Slavin's head, which raised a great lump on his cheek. The colored man had all the best of this round. In the third, Slavin got in a good hard one on Johnson and the latter seemed groggy, but he managed to keep out of harm's way. He forced Slavin back when they came together again and the Australain began clinching, as he appeared very tired. He took a brace and went after Johnson, trying to reach him after the bell had rung. As soon as time was called in the fourth Johnson went right at Slavin. The colored man had wrenched his left arm and could not use it very well, but he landed several good upper-cuts on Slavin's stomach with his right. These blows made the big Australian tired, and he hung on to the colored man with all his might, trying to punch Johnson in the ribs as they were clinched. The round was cut short about a minute and Johnson was much the fresher man of the two.

Colored Orphan Asylum Dedicated.

Cincinnati, O., Special.

The National Progressive League held an enthusiastic meeting on last Friday evening, and was addressed by W. M. Jackson, who was eloquent indeed. Prof. Booker T. Washington delivered the dedicatory address of the Colored Orphan's asylum on Saturday last, to a very large audience, which was eloquent and replete with interest. He also delivered an address at the Union Baptist church Sunday afternoon, and was favored with a large audience. A reception was tendered him by Wm Porter, of Court street. A grand reception will be tendered Rev. H. H. Harris at Zion Baptist church Nov. 23d, by the ladies of said church. Admission, including supper, 15 cents. Miss Nannie Nixon, of Charleston, W. Va., is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. W. Forney, of 208 Richmond street. The sisters of Zion Baptist church are making arrangements to have a grand Thanksgiving dinner on that day, at which time they wish to have the patronage of the general public. The bill of fare will consist of turkey, chicken, duck, o'possum, etc. Dinner 25 cents. The Calcium Light Steropticon entertainment given by Prof. E. C. Chinn, of the Union Baptist church, before the Zion Baptist literary for the benefit of the church, was an unbounded success. Mrs. D. W. Williams, of College Hill, will read a paper before the St. Paul Baptist Sunday school on next Sabbath morning, subject, "The duty of a Sabbath school teacher." The Mt. Zion church literary rendered a grand program on last Thursday evening. The attendance was exceptionally large. W. B. Holden addressed the Sabbath school of the M. E. church on last Sunday afternoon. Rev. R. Campbell, of the St. Paul Baptist church, will hold a grand rally on the 5th Sunday in this month.

Eufaula News.

Eufaula, Ala., Special.

Father Allen Hoole died here on last Thursday morning and was buried on Friday from St. John A. M. E. church, of which he was an honored member. He was in his 86th year His funeral was attended by Revs. Harmon and Newsome. Father Hoole was the founder of African Methodism in Southeast Alabama. Revs. J. D. Maddox, J. W. Jackson, J. S. Peterson and C. M. Wells left Monday for Birmingham, to attend the Alabama Baptist State convention. Rev. D. C. Edmondson, of St. Luke A M. E. church preached an excellent sermon last Sabbath.

Jerry Daniels, of this city is once more a full-fledged citizen, the Governor of Alabama having issued him a pardon which fully restores him to his citizenship. Rev. John Harmon preached a good soul stirring sermon at the Baptist church last Sabbath. Rally day at St. Luke A. M. E. church Nov. 22nd. A sneak thief broke into the house of Mrs. Sue McNeal last Saturday night and took all of her provisions. Miss Lulu Wallace is visiting relatives in Americus, Ga. Calvin Jones has returned from Columbia. Chas. Johnson spent several days in Montgomery last week. Mrs. Mollie Britt is quite sick. Mrs. Mary Nixon is quite sick. Some of our girls should take more interest in the Sunday School lesson. Miss Mary Whaley, the daughter of L. B. Whaley, died Wednesday 11th at 1 o'clock, after an illness of five months. She was a young woman. Her funeral took place from St. John A. M. E. church, Rev. D. C. Edmondson officiating. The pall bearers were: C. E. Ellington, Adam Drewery, W. H. Wallace, Leroy Wynn. Henry Marshall, of Albany, Ga., attended the funeral of Father Hoole, last week, he returned Monday. The funeral services of Mrs. Sallie Harris took place from the St. Luke A. M. E. church, Tuesday 2:30. The occasion was a sad one. Revs, D. C. Edmondson and Coleman officiated. The Sons and Daughters of Charity were in attendance.

Thanksgiving services at St. John A. M. E. church Nov. 26, at 11 a. m. The Baptist choir furnished excellent music last Sabbath night. Don't fail to attend the Thanksgiving supper at Hart's hall Nov. 26. Miss Lillie Johnson has open the Township school. Hand in your news during the week to The Freeman agent. Copies on sale every Saturday for 5c. W. H. Wallace, agent, Washington street.

The Bible Band Meeting.

Augusta, Ark., Special.

The Bible Band met at St. Luke Baptist church Nov. 15th. The president Mrs. Rose Ezell presiding. Miss Lulu Knox secretary, Rev. H. H. Knox, chaplain; Prof. J. R. Ezell, manager. After devotional exercises the president arose and stated that this was "Bible day." After which a very lengthy program was rendered. There were several from our sister church, Ward's Chapel Three of our main characters of Ward's Chapel who assisted us in rendering the program were as follows: J. W. Harmon, Mrs. Julia Bufford, Mrs. H. Roddy, and children, to whom we extend our sincere courtesy for services rendered. Rev. Brooks of the M. E. church delivered a very able address at the closing of the exercises. We can assure the distinguished orator that he is more than welcome at our divine meetings. We are glad to welcome Rev. S. T. Brown back as pastor of Ward's Chapel for the ensuing year. The African Jubilee minstrels of our little city, were honored with a large crowd Nov. 13th, at Gregory Point, for which they have sincere thanks from every member of the company.

Memorial Services.

Hamilton, O., Special.

The memorial services of the late Mary Works will be held Sunday at 2:30 at the A. M. E. church. The remains of Mrs. R. Harper was buried Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Coleman officiated. The young people are making great preparations to give a concert on Thanksgiving. Rev. T. Morris has returned. Mr. J. Murphy and S. Johnson spent Monday in West Elkton hunting. Mr. Wm. Davidson spent Sunday in Indianapolis.

In Honor of Their Pastor.

Piqua, O., Special.

A reception was given Monday evening at Cyrene A. M. E. church in honor of their pastor, Rev. C. D. White and family. A stumptous repast was served and the evening was spent in social chat. Mrs. W. H. Kendell spent Sunday afternoon in Bradford, O. Miss Effie Johnson is again able to be out. Miss Bertha Moss is on the sick list. Mr. John Coleman is able to be at work again, Rev. C. D. White is recovering from a heavy cold. Mr. J. Sreets is suffering from a bad finger. Mrs. C. D. White spent Sunday in Dayton the guest of many friends. Rev. J. T. Carter filled the pulpit at the Park ave Baptist church Sunday. Messrs. Stewart, Washington, Williams, Collins and Wilson were in Troy Sunday evening the guests of lady friends. Mr. W. H. Kendell of Bradford, O., accompanied his wife home Sunday evening and spent a few hours with his family. Mr. and Mrs. L. Pettiford spent Thursday at Lookout, O.

Church Notes—Personals.

Coldwell, Tenn., Special.

A. C. Phillips, one of the leading church officers, done some very nice work on the new cemetary. Mrs. Sarah Cannon died at her home leaving one daughter. Mrs. Classie Holbert, the mother of Mr. A. Holbert, is very ill at this writing. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Phillips was the guest of Mrs. V. A. Moore the 11th inst. Mrs. M. J. Hoffman took a flying trip to Chattanooga to see her sick brother. Mrs. S. E. Maupin who has been at home for some time is at her post in Sunday school again.

Mrs. L. R. Ray and Mrs. E. S. Moore were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Grigby the 7th inst. The daughters of Cyrene No. 7, met at their hall Wednesday the 18th. Mrs. Caroline Maupin and Mrs. Sindie Watson were the guest of Mrs. V. A. Moore the 15th inst. Rev. R. A. Hill dined with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Phillips. Mr. and Mrs, Ed. Moore are going to housekeeping soon. Miss Trinie Moore who has been absent for some time is again in our Sunday school. Mr. W. H. Moore, Walter and Paul Phillips and Perry Mullin went hunting the 8th inst.

Death of an Aged Citizen.

Decatur, Mich., Special.

Jacob H, Simpson died Oct. 22nd. He leaves a mother, two sisters and 9 children. Mrs. Matthews and Roberts of Arcadia, Ind., returned home Nov. 2nd. Mrs. Teastor of Bangor. Oct. 29th, Mrs. Lawson of Lincoln, J. L. Lenard, Mrs. Keen of Chicago, Oct. 28th and Mrs. Julia S. Young of Leadville, Col., Nov. 12th. Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Barnett attended meeting Nov. 16th at Pawpaw. Mrs. Aaron Barnett entertained Mrs. Julia S. Young of Leadville, Col., last Wednesday evening.

Business Booming in all Directions.

Temple, Tex., Special.

Temple still continues to grow. The city square has been blockaded with cotton every day since the election. Cotton was sold as high as 8 cents a pound last week. The Inman Compress company has a large amount of cotton on hand and will run regular. The Santa Fee railroad company have on a full force of men in all departments. The Central Oil company has to close down the press room department last week, owing to a breakage, but will start up Monday. The entertainment given Saturday night at Leavenworth hall for the benefit of the First Baptist church, was a grand success. Mrs. J. W. Wilkins of Houston, is visiting in the city this week. Mrs. Nannie Morrison made a flying trip to Dallas last week. J. W. Wilkins and George Murray spent last week in Waco. A. Sneed has moved to town. There was a grand masquerade ball at Dason pavillion Thursday night.

Happenings of Interest.

Chatham, Ont., Special.

Sunday the 15th inst., was a grand time with us. Our Sunday school convened in the Union M. E. church at 3 p. m., which was well attended by many young people. Prof. Moten addressed the school in a general manner. Prof. Moten bids fair to become one of our leading Sunday school and church workers. Thomas Milburn was elected treasurer, Robert Carter, liberian; Master John Solomon, secretary. Before closing Prof. Eddey gave an excellent discourse concerning Sunday school work and The Freeman. At 8 p. m., we had a good house to hear a lecture given by the pastor. All were happy when they left the church with The Freeman in their hands. Prof. Eddie was appointed to write for The Freeman. Too much cannot be said of this young man, Daniel Eddle. He is one of Canada's wealthiest colored men. Give us The Freeman in Canada, we want it and will have it.

Montreal Items.

Montreal, Canada, Special.

There are about twenty-seven colored families in Montreal, all of whom are in good circumstances. They receive all the encouragement from the people-at-large, and are made welcome every where. I have not found any churches who would not welcome us. There are all denominations. A very pleasant time was had at the card party last Tuesday evening at the residence of Mrs. J. Harris. The most amusing feature of the evening was Mr. David Mason, a professional whist player who won the boobie prize. Rev. John Brown of the Desiner street mission will hold services with a Thanksgiving dinner at the church. Miss V. Trueheart, an accomplished young lady, left for New York City Nov. 17th. Among the colored students of Bishops Medical college are Drs. A. Pattifoot and J. Francis of West India. The pleasure seekers of Montreal are making preparations for a grand New Years ball. Mr. and Mrs. Barber expects to make a tour through Texas and other southern cities soon. One of the oldest citizens of Montreal, Can., is Mr. David James, who came here thirty-five years ago from Richmond, Va. Mrs. Wm. Clark is able to be out again after three weeks illness. Mr. Edward Durant of Vancouver B, C., was in the city this week. All those wishing the Freeman can find it at 40 Donegana st. Miss Maud Brown, daughter of Rev. Brown, will be married next month. Mr. John Carter left last night for Detroit, Mich.

Mineola News.

Mineola., Tex., Special.

We have had two heavy frosts and a light freeze here. Albert Russell died on the 8th. Rev. R. T. Taylor will preach at the First Baptist church on the 22nd. The wife of Oston Randee died last week.

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The Ladies Home Journal.

Rosa Bonheur leads the life of a recluse in her chateau in the depths of the Forest of Fontainebleau, near Paris. She secludes herself from all, and it was with the greatest difficulty that the editors of The Ladies' Home Journal succeeded in getting a proposition before her that she should write her autobiography for that magazine. After nearly a year's effort they were successful, and once started on her work the great painter found so much interest in it that she made over a dozen special studies and pictures of animals to accompany the text. The autobiographical article, with the valuable unpublished drawings, will appear in the Christmas Journal, together with portraits of Rosa Ronheur as she works in her studio and home.

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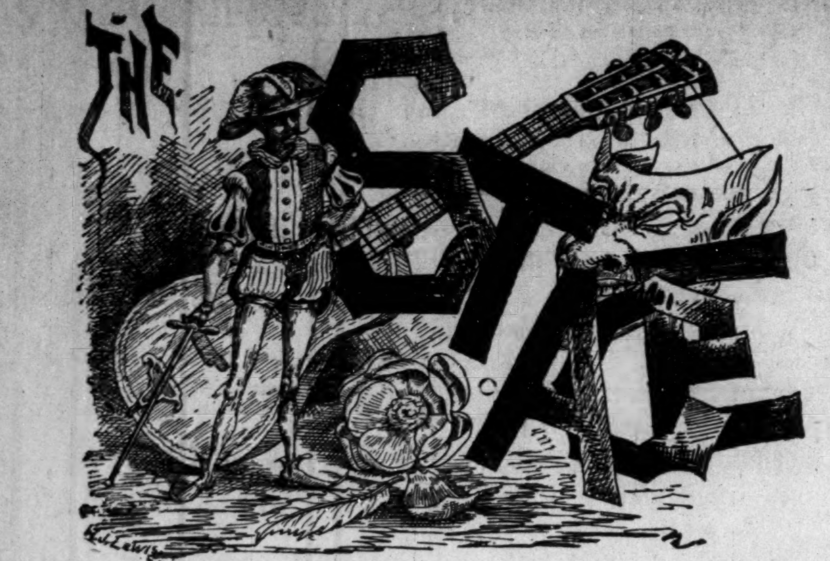

Advices from Mahara's Minstrels report good business.

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The Colored Sports Company are touring Ohio this week.

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The Alabama Cracker Jacks are playing to fair business.

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Colored Sports were in New York City last week to good business.

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R. E. Paine, baritone singer, joined Lew Johnson's minstrels Nov. 6th.

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Levy Payne's Female Band has joined Stetson's Uncle Tom's Cabin company.

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Black Patti Troubadours showed to excellent business at Easton, Pa., on the 18th.

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Isham's Octoroons No. 2, are playing to crowded houses in New York City this week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Tom McIntosh have joined Isham's Octoroons—the Eastern company.

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Gussie L. Davis' latest song, "If I only could Blot out the Past," has made a desided hit.

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Isham's Oriental America Co. turned people away during their engagement at Patterson, N. J.

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The Canadian Jubilee Singers and Imperial Orchestra, are in Buffalo, N. Y., this week.

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The DeWolfe Sisters, after a brief illness, have resumed their tour with the Black Patti Troubadours.

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Irving Jones and Stella Wiley, late of Black Patti Troubadours, have joined Isham's Octoroons—Western company.

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Richard & Pringle's Minstrels during their engagement at Charleston, S. C., played to "standing room only" at each performance.

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Prof. Solomon White's band and orchestra will close their ninth season with the Forepaugh-Sells Bros'. combination, Nov. 21st.

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Magnolia Jubilee Concert company opened at Ft. Wayne, Ind., Oct. 1st, to a fair audience. Sheridan Davis is the proprietor and manager.

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Williams & Walker have firmly established themselves as favorites at Koster & Bial's, New York City, and continue making friends.

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The Ednorah Nahar recital Monday evening, the 9th inst., before the Zion Baptist literary at Zion Baptist church, Cincinnati, O., was a grand success.

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Lew Johnson's Refined Minstrels are billed to appear at the following places: Sebaspol, Cal., Nov. 16th; Sonoma, 17th; Vacerville, 18th; Wenters, 18th. Business continues good.

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Lew Johnson's refined minstrels opened the new opera house in Santa Cruz, Cal., Nov. 2d. Twelve hundred tickets were sold, and hundreds were turned away. They are booked for a return date soon.

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Mr. Paul Dunbar, the poet, will return to Washington, D. C., December 15th to read in the interest of the Manassas Industrial School. He will be supported by the newly organized female quartette, composed of Madames, Josie Ball, Lula Brooks, Lena McKinney and Miss Hamer. This will be the first public appearance of the quartette.

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The Colored Sports Big City Show opened at the Gaiety Theatre, New York City, Nov. 9th, for a week, to a good attendance. The company includes the Milburn Bros, musical performers; the Imperial Quartet, La Signa, dancer; Eaton and Barton, singers and dancers; Smith and Shirley, singers and banjoists; Billy Jackson, comedian; Mlle. Perkins, vocalist; Jalvan and Mlle. DeMarco. The performance concludes with a cake walk.

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A new play was produced at the Academy of Music, Philadelphia, Nov. 12th, entitled "Marcus, a Story of the South," was produced by a selected company of colored and white artists. The play was written by Messrs. Richings and Strange, and Mr. R. Henri Strange played the leading role. Marcus rises from a ragged colored boy to be a prominent lawyer. During the last act a number of special musical features was introduced including the popular vocalists, Mme. Flora Batson, Theodore Drury, the Afro-American baritone, and Joseph H. Douglass, a grandson of the late Frederick Douglass, and who has achieved considerable reputation as a violin soloist.

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Mr. Moses Hodges, Boston's great baritone singer, appeared in Washington, D. C., Nov. 10th in conjunction with other stars. The Sidney, (Aus,) Truth, recently said: "In the first part the rich beautiful baritone of Mr M. H. Hodges was heard to such advantage that the audience interrupted the performance in order to show their approval. Mr. Hodges is gifted with a remarkably fine voice, which has evidently been trained to the fullest advantage, and of which the conscious and lucky possessor seems to have gained entire vocal control. The baritone's acquisition should be a passport for him to any concert stage in the world. He brought his audience to his feet with Sullivan's 'Lost Chord,' the magnificent words and music of which were fully grasped by the baritone."

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The Chicago Daily News says of Miss Myrtle Hart, the only colored female harpist: "This talented young woman is very much in love with her harp and has thoroughly mastered it. Her playing is marked by brilliant execution, pure tones and extreme delicacy of touch, Her fingering is graceful and easy. She played in the British exhibit at the World's Fair and the costly harp upon which she performs was exhibited by its manufacturers at the Columbian Exposition. She has been playing almost from her babyhood as she puts it. She first learned the piano and then the harp. She states that she plays only by inspiration and can do nothing unless inspired. Miss Hart is a beautiful and accomplished young lady. She is tall and very graceful and her eyes dance with girlish merriment. She has the kind of lips that nestling poets generally designate as 'cherries' and her abundant mass of wavy brown hair is as the average blonde's. The Hart family consists of father, mother and five daughters, one of whom is married and lives in Chicago. The family home is in Indianapolis. Prof. Hart is one of the wealthiest colored citizens of the Hoosier Capital and is very influential."

The Ladies Home Journal.

Rosa Bonheur leads the life of a recluse in her chateau in the depths of the Forest of Fontainebleau, near Paris. She secludes herself from all, and it was with the greatest difficulty that the editors of The Ladies' Home Journal succeeded in getting a proposition before her that she should write her autobiography for that magazine. After nearly a year's effort they were successful, and once started on her work the great painter found so much interest in it that she made over a dozen special studies and pictures of animals to accompany the text. The autobiographical article, with the valuable unpublished drawings, will appear in the Christmas Journal, together with portraits of Rosa Ronheur as she works in her studio and home.

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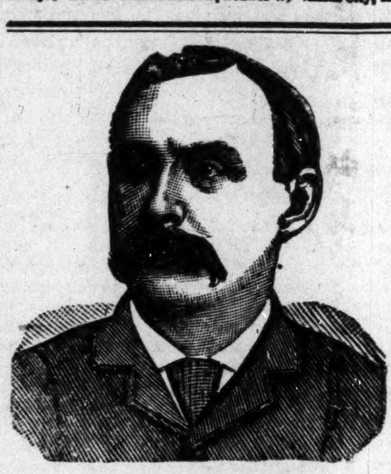

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Sincerely, Albert Ayers,
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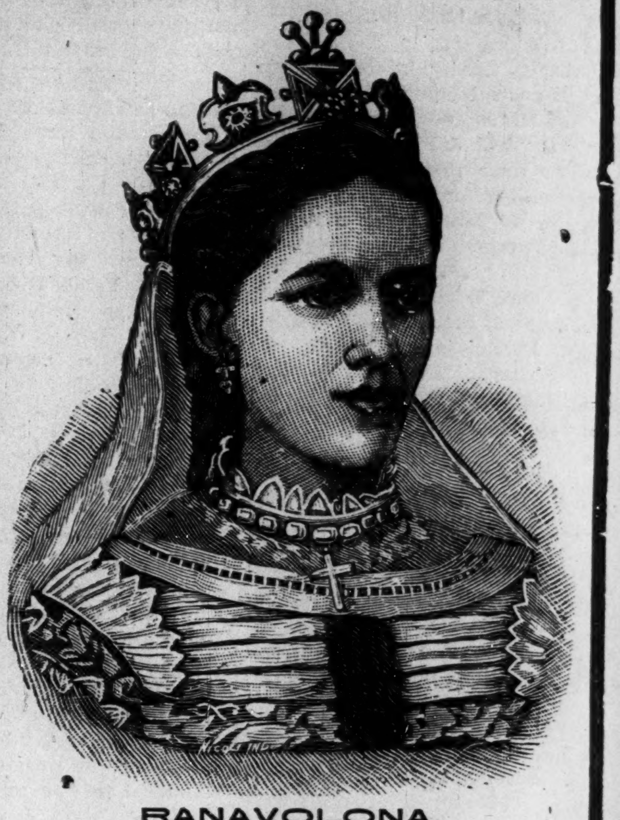

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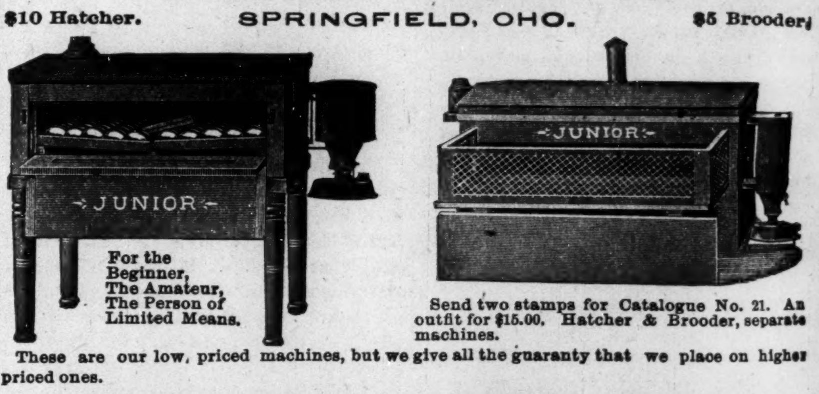

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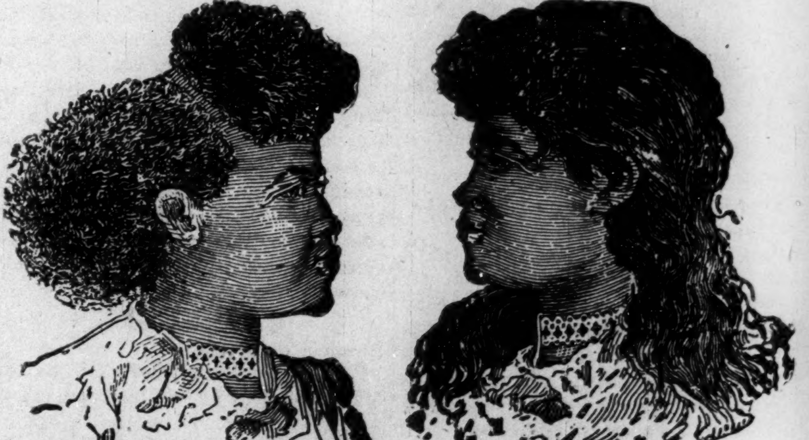

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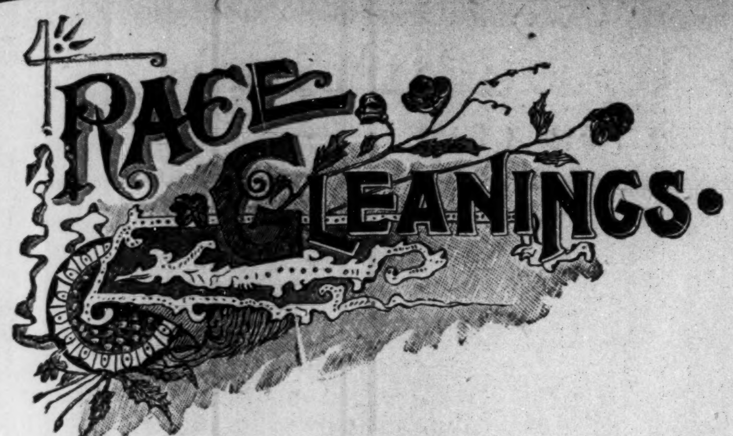
RACE GLEANINGS.

Hon. Geo. White of Tarboro, N. C., is a congressmen elect.

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R. Emmett Stewart of Guthrie, Okla., was elected County Clerk.

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E. H. Wright, of Chicago, Ill., was elected a commissioner of Cook county.

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G. L. Jones of Indianapolis, Ind., will be a member of the next session of the Indiana Legislature.

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Mrs. Z T. Robinson, one of the teachers in the City Public School of Jackson Tenn., has been appointed one of the vice presidents of the Nashville Centennial.

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Mr. J. M. H. Graham, a young man of Clarksville, Tenn., has been elected as a member of the Legislature. He is the only colored man elected in that state to such a position.

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Miss Melinda Thompson, of Arkansas City, Ark., aged 16 years, is a succesful lecturer. Her future for the lecture field is bright, and she needs the encouragement of all race loving people.

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Mrs. Perry G. Walker, of Henderson, Ky., has composed the music for an offertory soprano or tenor, entitled, "Ashamed of Jesus." It is dedicated to Bishop G. W. Clinton, of the Zion Church.

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The poet, Paul Lawrence Dunbar, is getting much more advertising than he would if he had been a Caucasian. His first volume, "Majors and Minors," has been published and attracted much attention, coming as it does from a full blooded negro.

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Rev. W. P. Thirkield, D. D., has been appointed by the authorities of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, Pres., and Prof. W. H. Cragman Vice-President. Prof. Cragman is to have full charge of the internal affairs of the institution.

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In Louisville, Ky., Anna Weir, the ex-slave who sued her old master, William Weir, for 24 years' pay at $3 per week, was on the 14th ult., given a verdict of $1,650. She had worked for him since her emancipation without wages on his agreemnet to lodge, clothe and feed her as long as she lived. Upon his second marriage he discharged her.

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Gov. W. O. Bradley, of Kentucky, appointed last week the following Commissioners to the Colored Department of the Tennessee Centennial: W. D. Johnson, Lexington; Geo. W. Gentry, Standford; W. A. Gaines, Covington; W. H. Steward Louisville; S. E. Smith, Owensboro, and E. E. Underwood, Frankfort. The Exposition opens next May and continues six months.

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The colored people throughout the whole country will be gratified to learn, that during the last session of the general assembly of the State of Illinois, Major John C. Buckner, the only colored member of that body, originated and succeeded in getting a bill passed by which the sum of $25,000 was appropriated to build a statue to the late E. P. Lovejoy, who was murdered on his own door steps, in 1865, by members of the pro-slavery party, who hated him for the great fight he was waging against American slavery.

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Isaac D. Allen, a colored Republican candidate, Boston, Mass., has been declared elected to represent the 40th councillor district over the Hon. Jno. H. Sullivan, who now represents the district and who was the Democratic candidate. Allen holds the highest political office ever given a colored man by the voters of Massachusetts. The new councilor was born in slavery and escaped during the war, serving with Gen. B. F. Butler. He was with him after the war on the famous schooner America, which Gen. Butler owned. At the time of the Republican convention at which Allen was nominated, the place on the ticket was offered to a number of prominent Republicans, but all refused it, not desiring to run in a strong Democratic district and be deeated. Allen's election was as much a surprise to him as to his Democratic opponents. Suilivan carried the district last year by over 5,000.

American Fruit Co.

Readers of The Freeman will find an interesting advertisment of the American Fruit Co., in another column of this issue. This company owns a valuable piece of property in Houston county, Georgia, with 160,000 earliest growing fruit trees and is composed entirely of northern investors in Indianapolis and vicinity. They invite our colored friends to join with them. Shares are $100 each, but are now sold for only $78 each; payable fifty cents a week or as you choose to pay. After paymet of $35 the earnings of the company can pay out balance, if members prefer, costing a trifle more. Nearly a million dollars is now invested in this prticular location. Over 2,000 colored people find remunerative employment among the orchards. Three railroads for shipping facilities, three canning companies, saw mills, crate factory and the company's orchard is within two miles of Perry, county seat, five miles of Ft. Valley and Marshallville, all prosperous towns. A neat illustrated book is given free to all at the office of American Fruit Co., room 3, 36 West Washington street. The company is offering a very safe and highly profitable investment. They ship all their fruit direct to New York, Boston and the eastern cities.

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A thief stole the ragman's scales, and the poor fellow lost his balance.

Undertakers do not want a revival in business. They would rather see things dead.

"When I go into anything, I go into it deep." murmured the man who fell down the well.

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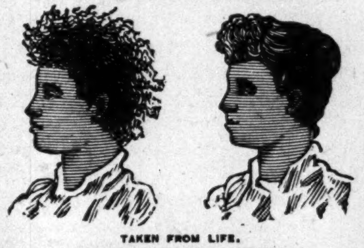

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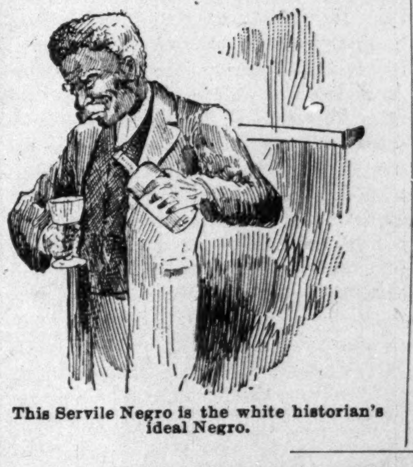

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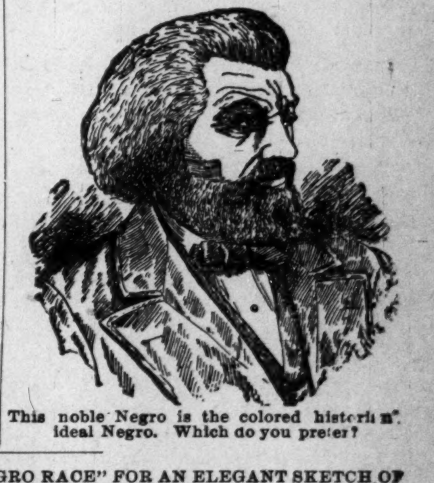

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CITY HAPPENINGS—PERSONAL.

Jerry Baird is the guest of friends in Mt. Sterling, Ky.

T. Horace Scott of Xenia, O., was in the city Sunday.

Crowded houses always greets the Female Quartette.

Shopping from Greenfield Wednesday, Mrs. Retta Curry.

Mrs. James Shelton is ill at her home in Douglass street.

Miss Katie Hamilton, 283 Fayette street, is on the sick list.

Merchant Policeman Morton of Elizabeth street, is seriously ill.

After several weeks illness, Wm. Brown is able to be out.

Attend the special Thanksgiving sermon at Second Baptist church.

Dinner will be served at all the churches Thanksgiving Day.

The Female Quartette will be the star of the Thanksgiving Musical.

Returned from gay New York, Chas. Jordon and Henderson Skinner.

Wm. Keelum of the Knightstown Sun, was in our office this week.

Literary stars of special note will shine at the Thanksgiving Musical.

Mrs. Carrie Porter-White, who has been seriously ill, is reported better.

Miss Mary E. Johnson, 253 West Fifth street, Sundayed in Louisville.

The young people are preparing to attend the Thanksgiving Musical by the scores.

Mrs. Geo. Ross will recite Thanksgiving evening at the Second Baptist church.

Prepare for the Thanksgiving Musical at the Second Baptist church.

Elder Bassett of Noblesville, is the guest of Miss Emma Lively and Mrs. Barker.

Elder Ferguson of Louisville, Ky., was in the city this week, visiting his daughter.

If you wish a rich Thanksgiving treat attend the Musical at the Second Baptist church.

Rev. H. H. Harris, pastor of Zion Baptist church, Cincinnati, was in the city this week.

Mrs. Julia Rice of Cincinnati, who was the guest of Mrs. A. H. Henderson returned home Sunday.

Mrs. Ida Freeman and two little children of Chicago, are visiting relatives in North Senate avenue.

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The attractive entertainment of the city will be the Thanksgiving Musical at Second Baptist church.

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Mrs. Susie I. Shorter of Wilberforce, O., is visiting the family of Geo. W. Walker in California street.

Mrs. Mary White and son of Cincinnati are guests of her mother, Mrs. Thompson in West Second street.

The Female Quartette is composed of cultured singers—hear them at the Thanksgiving Musical.

You are respectfully invited to attend the Thanksgiving dinner and the Musical at night at the Second Baptist church.

Louis Schooler of Chicago, accompanied by William Beeler and Mr. Phelps of Danville, Ill., were visitors in the city Sunday.

Mrs. S. A. Colman, who was seriously injured in a bicycle accident a few weeks ago, is rapidly recovering at her home in North Senate avenue.

One of our sweetest singers, Miss Biddie Miller, will appear at the Second Baptist church Thanksgiving evening.

Rev. Levi E. Christy has been appointed to take charge of Grace Mission church. Bishop Arnett christened it with its new name.

Mr. Wm. M. Lewis, a young man of recognized ability, will appear at the Second Baptist church Thursday evening, Thanksgiving, Nov. 26th.

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The first appearance of the Female Quartette in the western portion of the city will be at the Thanksgiving Musical.

"Major" Taylor, the "crack" wheelman, left last Monday for New York, where he will be employed by the large bicycle establishment of Stearns & Co.

All persons interested in the welfare of the Alpha Home, and feel that they desire to lend a helping hand will be present at Blackford street church next Tuesday evening Nov. 24th at 7:45.

Major W. Turner, accompanied by his wife, will visit his aged mother in Goldsboro, N. C., next week. His business, during his absence, will be under the management of Luther Crawford.

Miss Allie Beard, a charming little singer, will assist the chrysanthemum quartet at the Second Baptist church Thanksgiving night, Thursday, November 26th.

Little Harry, aged six months, only son of A. Jackson of the Journal, died Nov. 17th of pneumonia at the residence, 514 Superior street. Funeral occured Thursday with Undertaker Willis in charge.

The chrysanthemum quartet, composed of the following well known singers: Mesdames Susie Hill Lewis, Don Cosby, Josie Eastman and Mattie Grigsby will postively appear at the Second Baptist church, Thanksgiving evening, Thursday Nov. 26th. The proceeds for the benefit of the church. Rev. J. W. Carr, pastor.

The Grace Mission Literary Society was organized last Friday evening at the Grace Mission church, corner of 9th and Cornell avenue. Mr. Wm. M. Lewis was elected president, Miss Crocket, vice president; Miss Alberta Christy, secretary; Miss Essie Tucker, assistant secretary; and Mrs. Wm. Absom, treasurer. It will meet every Friday evening.

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Ladies of the Alpha Home will receive Thanksgiving donations at the Bates House barber shop Wednesday. All donations will be thankfully received.

Death of an Aged Citizen.

Mr. Peter Johnson, an old citizen, died Sunday, aged 83 years, and was buried Tuesday from Bethel A. M. E. church. He leaves a wife, son and daughter.

A Witch Party.

The public is invited to a "Witch Party" Thanksgiving evening Nov. 26, for the benefit of the Launfal Circle of King's Daughters; to be given at 107 Highland Place. Committee: Kate A. Mann, Georgia Stevenson and F. D. Carter.

"Much Ado About Nothing."

EDITOR FREEMAN:—Noticed in your last issue that Miss Grace E. Lucas stated that she had nothing to do with the bicycle party given Oct. 31st. The undersigned ladies will not accept this statement, as Miss Lucas suggested and took charge of all guests who were not wheel-riders from her residence to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brown in Norwood, and assisted in serving the fifty or more guests there assembled.

RUTH HIGGS,
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Herculean Club Election of Officers

The following officers were elected Thursday evening November 12th, for the Herculean Club: President, Wm. H. Porter; Lafayette Jefferson, vice president; Chas. Cheatham, 2nd vice; Jos. H. Broyles, financial secretary; Robt. Walker, treasurer; Octavius V. Royall, corresponding secretary. Board of Directors: Dr. S. A. Furniss, A. C, Richardson, Chas. Stapp, Chas. Sweeney, W. W. Walden and Wm. P. Williamson. The board convenes on the first Tuesday evening of each month.

IN THE SOCIAL REALM.

One of the most notable events of the season was the surprise reception given by Mrs. Mollie Brown, in honor of the 40th birthday anniversary of her husband Mr. Louis Brown, at their cozy residence 173 West North street, Thursday evening November 12th. The spacious parlors were profusely decorated with flags, roses, chrysanthemums, etc. Mrs. Mollie Brown, the charming hostess, was ably assisted in receiving by Mrs. Ida Johnson, Mrs. Hattie Jones A. Myrtle Harris, Miss Ruth Higgs and Miss Ada Modoc. The guests received souvenirs, heart-shaped cards, bearing the dates: "1856-1896." The evening was enjoyably spent in music and games. Miss Etta Rose Barnes throughout the evening presided at the piano, after which supper was announced and amidst the beautiful surroundings, the tempting and toothsome delicacies impressed the guests with delight. Miss Modoc presided at the punch bowl; after partaking sumptuously, they repaired where music and wit reigned supreme. Mr. Brown was the recipient of many useful and valuable presents, among which was an elegant smoking jacket. There were about 50 guests present.

Mrs. John Stewart, of Chicago, wife of J. Stewart, of the "Monon," is being entertained at the cozy residence of Mrs. Kate Bazel, in Howard street.

Johnnie James, Miss Alena Smitherman, John Thomas, Miss Niel and Miss Morris were guests of Miss Effie Young at tea last Sunday evening.

Mrs. Stella White, of Baltimore, Md., Mrs. Freeman, of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Thomas White, of Cincinnati, were entertained at dinner by Miss Susie Bradford, last Sunday.

Invitations have been issued by Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Thompson for their triple wedding anniversary to take place at their home in Harlan street next Wednesday.

Mrs. Wm. Abstom received last Thursday afternoon at her pretty home in Alvord street in honor of Mrs. Frye and Miss Dean of Louisville, Ky.

"SWAMP ANGEL" ON THE WING.

In these modern times, we find all mankind making rapid strides in the progressive world. Nothing, however, meets more readily with popular favor than clubism. The club, like the church, has its effect, and we think for the betterment of mankind. So, to be strictly "swell," one must needs be a member of one of the several clubs in our city, and during this period, must make a "run" for the presidential honors. But clubs don't always do the proper thing. One club gave a recent entertainment at one of our large churches, which reflected considerably upon their good intentions.

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We might add it reflected on the church also—but to the club. A large crowd assembled, and the play begun. The sacred pulpit had been converted into a stage, but that matters not. The Park theatre actors faded into the dim, shadowy distance when these club actors made their debut. The "catchy" songs and dance-motion, the lightening changes, and the minstrel-like antics brought forth disgusting applause—disgusting at least to those who are possessed of the finer qualities of nature. These song and dance performances could be tolerated in halls or club rooms, but when it comes to the church, it should receive the death-blow.

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To add to the already disgusting scene, there was the going out between acts, with its telling results. One poor fellow was led down the church aisle who had indulged too freely, while a few more quarrelsome ones created an excitement at the entrance. Thus ended the farce-comedy in a house set apart for worship.

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"There is something rotten in Denmark."

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A scrap seems eminent in social circles.

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A general call and invitation is hereby extended to all to meet next Tuesday evening Nov. 24th, at 7:45 p. m. at Blackford Street church, at which time an organization will be formed, that will be charitable in its aim and purpose, yet literary and musical in its character, so as to make it inviting and its meetings entertaining. Your presence is necessary and we desire that you feel it incumbent upon yourself to be there and bring some one with you, as the success of the undertaking will depend entirely upon a large membership. Do not forget the date and place of the first meeting at Blackford Street Church, next Tuesday evening Nov. 24. at 7:45 p. m. Julius R. Cox, is chairman of the committee.

NINTH PRESBYTERIAN NOTES.

The primary department of the Ninth Presbyterian church, which has been in training for some past under Miss Lillian Hill and Mrs. Finley, will give an "Autumn Recital" at the church next Wednesday evening, Nov. 25th. Admission free.

MT. ZION BAPTIST NOTES.

Our Sunday school at 9:30 is largely attended. You are invited.

Thanksgiving services will be held at 11 a. m. Dinner will also be served.

Rev. Farrell will preach Sunday evening on the "Needs of Business Enterprises in the Negro Race." Public cordially invited.

JONES' TABERNACLE NOTES.

You can have dinner or supper at the church Thanksgiving day.

There will be preaching at 11 a. m. Thanksgiving day, and a concert at night by the clubs.

Services were largely attended last Sunday. Seven were read into the church, and one addition.

The pastor and part of his congregation attended the quarterly meeting at Simpson Chapel M. E. church last Sunday afternoon.

Quarterly meeting Sunday at 2:30 p. m. Pastors of the city and their congregations are invited to come and commune with us. Rev. J. J. Kennedy of Penick's Chapel will preach the sacramental sermon. Love Feast on Monday night. All are invited.

CORINTHIAN CHURCH NOTES.

There was one addition to the church last Sunday night.

To-morrow a grand rally will be held at this church. Everybody invited.

There will be special missionary services at this church Wednesday evening Nov. 25th.

The members reported sick are Thos. Morton, Mrs. Lizzie Twyman and Miss Lotta Higgs.

Services were well attended Sunday. Rev. J. J. Blackshear preached two very interesting sermons which were well received.

The Corinthian church choir, assisted by friends, are now rehearsing the beautiful cantata, "The Prophet of Nazereth," under the leadership of G. W. Prince.

The juvenile members of the Sunday school are rehearsing a cantata, "A Dream of Fairyland," under the direction of Misses Nettie Prince, Anna Bryant and Julia Johnson, and promises to be a grand affair.

The Church Aid Society was entertained at the residence of the president, Mrs. Kittie Minter, 231 West Second street Thursday afternoon.

Thanksgiving services will be held at 10:30 a. m. by Rev. J. J. Blackshear. After service dinner will be served from 2 to 6:30 p. m., by the Aid Society and the King's Daughters.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

Mrs. Carter Temple is convalescent.

Miss Ida Smith is still on the sick list.

Rev. Charley Johnson has returned from Pittsburg, Pa.

Excellent papers are read in the Sunday school each Sunday.

The life of Socrates was read by Miss Steele and discussed by the ladies circle.

Rev. Alimedah Pashawk will preach for us to-morrow. Come early and get a good seat.

Charlie Tyree died on the 14th and his funeral was preached at the Second Baptist church on the 17th. He was a member of the Tuxedo Club.

The five o'clock prayer meeting is well attended. The church is in a most prosperous condition. There were three additions. Collection $94-28.

The pastor preached at 11 a. m. The sermon was well received and enjoyed by all. At 8 p. m. Rev. Alimedah Pashawk of Egypt preached to a crowded house. Standing room was at a premium. He preached one of the finest sermons that was ever delivered in the city.

ALLEN CHAPEL NOTES.

Services at 10:45 a. m. Thanksgiving day. You are invited.

Bishop B. W. Arnett was the guest of Rev. A. L. Murray while in the city.

Rev. Murray delivered an excellent sermon last Sunday morning on the "Life and Character of Simeon."

The cantata, "Haymakers," will be rendered Thanksgiving evening. The public is cordially invited to attend.

There were socials at the homes of Mesdames J. H. Thomas, Sophia Dupee, Delia Wilson and Sarah Ellington this week.

There was an unusually large attendance at Sabbath school last Sunday. Quite a large number of visitors were present.

There will be socials at the homes of Mesdames Lizzie Streets and Caroline Anderson Nov. 23rd, and one at the home of Geo. Venable the 25th.

The last Sunday in Nov. is grand rally day, at which time St. Mary's Temple No. 2 will turn out. At 3 p. m. all clubs are expected to report.

There were five instead of three accessions to the church as stated in the last issue—Mesdames Minnie Kellar and Lizzie McCorwin being the names omitted.

The funeral of George Patterson was held a few miles above Millersville last Sunday afternoon. Rev. A. L. Murray officiated.

At Thanksgiving sermon Sunday morning, Miss Josie Easton will sing a solo. The postponed sermon, mentioned in the last issue, "Jealousy and its Results" will be delivered Sunday night by Rev. Murray.

Bishop B. W. Arnett, D. D., delivered a most instructive sermon last Sunday night to a large and appreciative congregation. He held the people spellbound for one hour. He can rightly be styled the sage of the nineteenth century.

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